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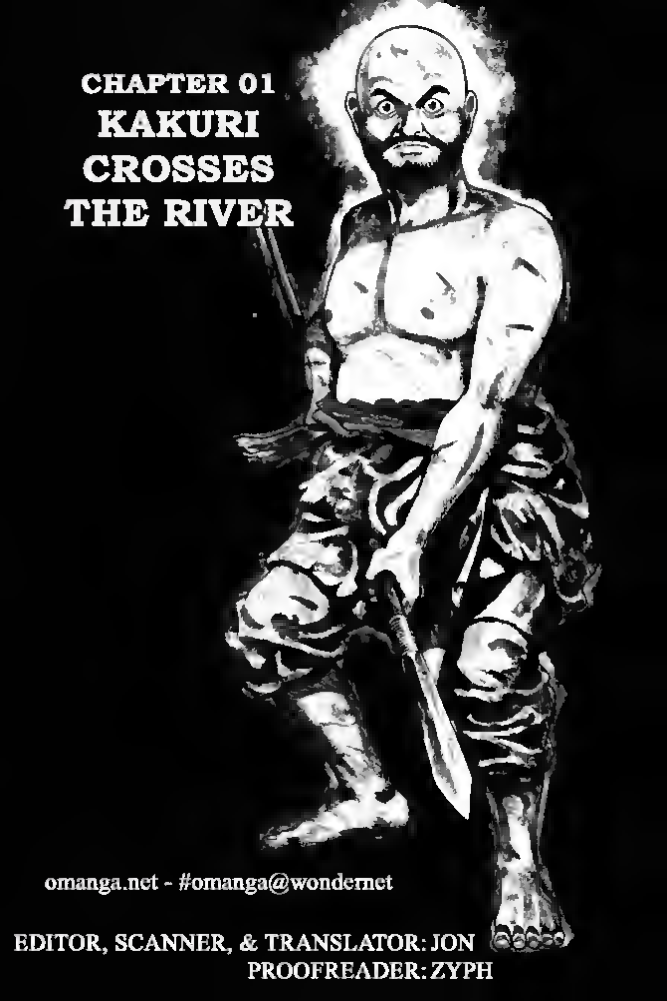

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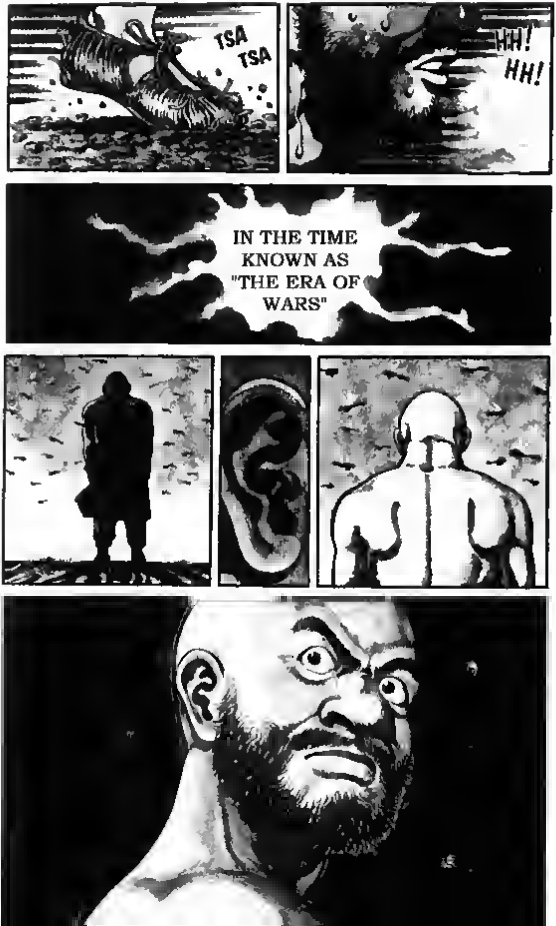
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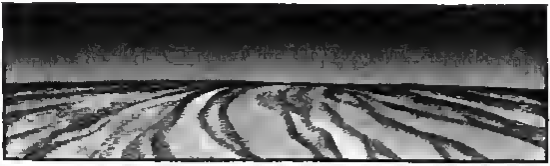
IN THE TIME KNOWN AS "THE ERA OF WARS"



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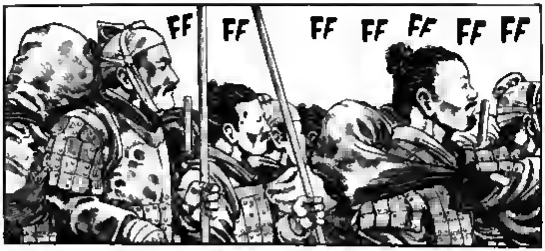
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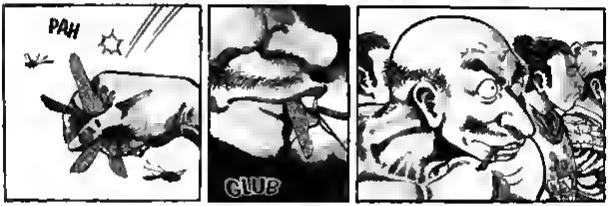
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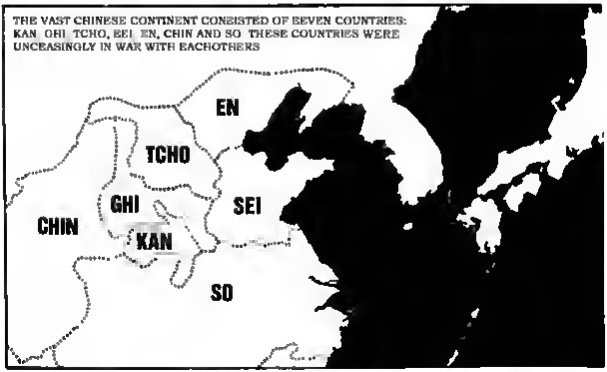
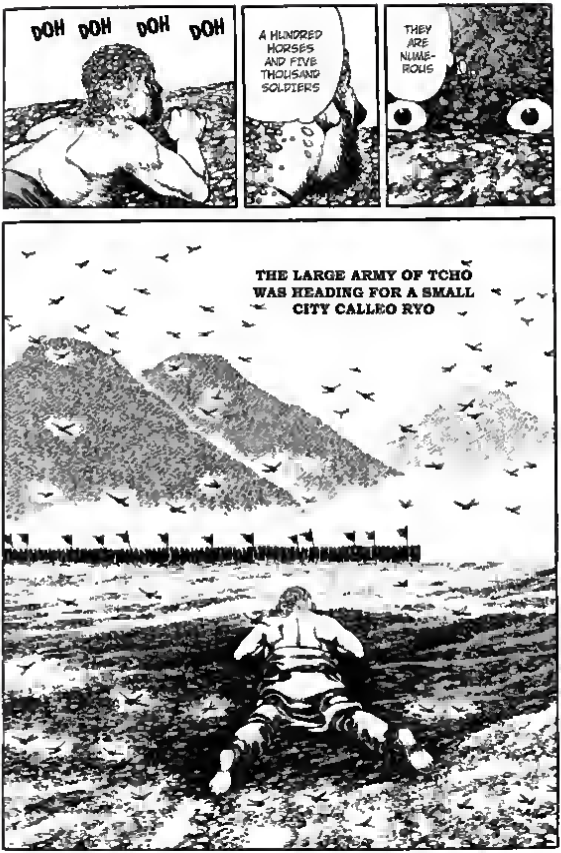

THE VAST CHINESE CONTINENT CONSISTED OF SEVEN COUNTRIES: KAN, GHI, TCHO, SEI, EN, CHIN AND SO. THESE COUNTRIES WERE UNCEASINGLY IN WAR WITH EACHOTHERS
EN
TCHO
GHI
SEI
CHIN
KAN
SO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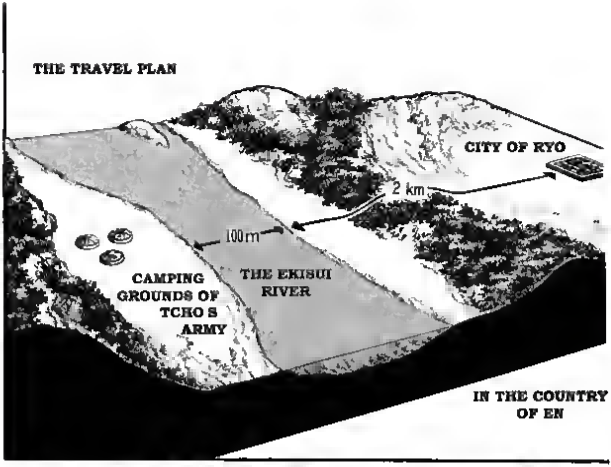
A HUNDRED HORSES AND FIVE THOUSAND SOLDIERS
THEY ARE NUMEROUS
THE LARGE ARMY OF TCHO WAS HEADING FOR A SMALL CITY CALLED RYO


THE TRAVEL PLAN
CITY OF RYO
2 km
100 m
THE EKISUI RIVER
CAMPING GROUNDS OF TCHO S ARMY
IN THE COUNTRY OF EN

IN THE COUNTRY OF TCHO

DZAH
DZAH
MOIM
MOIM
GLOU
GLOU
PIONG
PIONG
PIONG
BISHO
(40 YEARS)
COMMANDER OF
TCHO'S ARMY'S
FORCES
PIONG
PIONG

COMMANDER BISHO, DON'T POSTPONE THIS ANY LONGER!
KOGAYO (25 YEARS) LIEUTENANT
LET US FINISH THE RAPTS QUICKLY, SO WE CAN PROCEED AND TAKE RYO BY STORM
EASY LIEUTENANT, TAKE IT EASY
NO, I WONT THE CITY OF RYO IS ONLY A CITY BY NAME. JUST LIKE THEIR SOLDIERS; WHO ARE NOTHING BUT A THOUSAND BUMS AND VULGARE BANDITS
THE ARMY OF TCHO IS STRONG WITH OUR THOUSANDS OF WELL TRAINED SOLDIERS WHY HESITATE?
OUR SOLDIERS PLOW THE GROUND AND DIG WELLS,
WHY MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR A LONG WAR AGAINST SUCH A PITIFUL ENEMY?
IT'S A WASTE OF OUR SUPREME ARMY

THESE ARE THE ORDERS OF THE GREAT GENERAL KOENTCHU
Is Is
WHY DID THE WISE GENERAL GIVE THOSE ORDERS?
THERE ARE MEN OF BOKK IN THE CITY OF RYO
WHAT! HAS RYO ASKED THE MEN OF BOKK FOR SUPPORT?

THIS WAR HAS UPSET THE MES OF SOKK. THE MEN FROM THE FAMOUS SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS, MEN WHO HAVE COMMITED THEMSELVES TO SRING BACK FEACS THE OSES WHO GO ET THE SAME "THE MEN OF SOKK".

THEY WERE DISCIPLES OF SOKKSHI WHO LIVED BETWEES 480 AND 390 BSFORE OUR SRA. ACCORDING TO THEIR PRINCIPALS THE MASSACRES OF WAR WERE THE OREATEST CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

THS MEN OF BOKK LIMITED THEIR SERVICES TO SOLELY DEFENS CITIES IN NEED OF HELP. THSIR STRATEGIES WERE ONLY DEFENSIVE.

IT IS SAID THAT THE MEN OF BOKK WORKED FOR RIDICULOUS WAGES AND THAT THEY WERE WILLISO TO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERE, BY WORKING UNTIL THEIR OWN DEATHS.

HOW MANY ARE THEY?
FIFTY
A HUNDRED PERHAPS
GENERAL KOENTCHU WILL SOON ARRIVE WITH A LARGE PART OF THE ARMY TEN THOUSAND TROOPERS, THEN WE'LL LAUNCH OUR ATTACK
FIFTEEN THOUSAND MUST BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THEM
ZZZ
THEN WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN
NIAM
SHIYOUU
IT WILL BE A BATTLE OF GREAT GLORY!
SPLASH

DZA DZA
!
YOU THERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TCHK
SHLAH SHLAH
FFL FFFL

BAYA BAYA BAYA
WHAT IS HE DOING ?
WHO? THAT GUY? IS HE THINKING OF WALKING ACROSS THE RIVER?
THAT'S IDIOTIC! IF THAT WAS POSSIBLE WE WOULDN'T NEED RAFTS
BESIDES, YOU ARE TOO SHORT THE RIVER IS WAY TOO DEEP
THE RIVER IS OVER A HUNDRED METERS BROAD, RETURN!
DO NOT DRINK THE WATER, OR YOU'LL CATCH THE FEVERS
RETURN AND GO BACK TO WORK!
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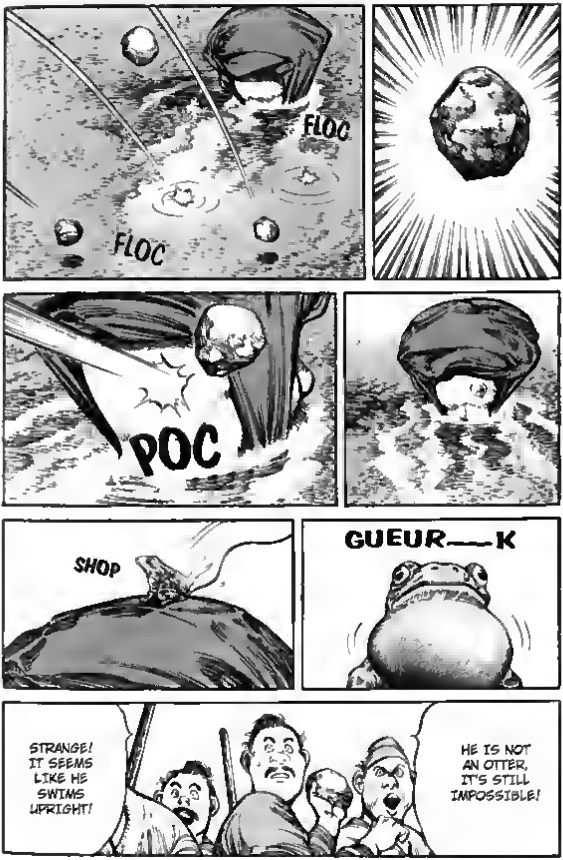
FLOC
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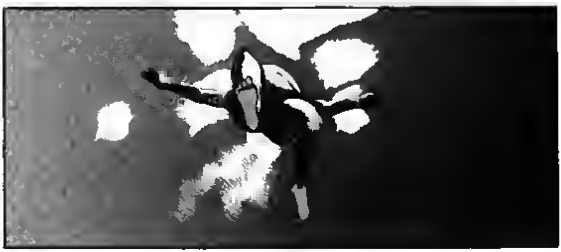
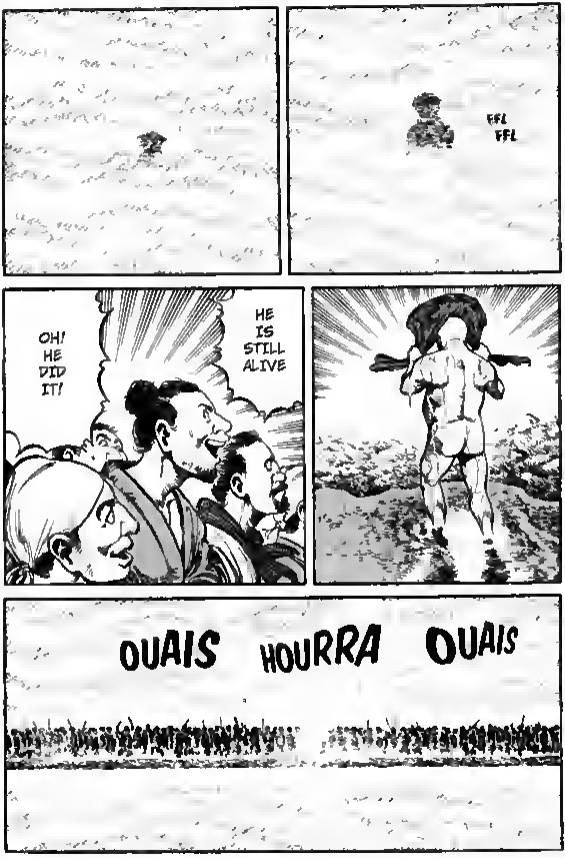
POC
SHOP
GUEUR—K
STRANGE! IT SEEMS LIKE HE SWIMS UPRIGHT!
HE IS NOT AN OTTER, IT'S STILL IMPOSSIBLE!



WHERE DID HE GO?
CAN ANYONE SEE HIM?
WITH THIS FOG, YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
HE DROWNED, HE GAVE UP!
LET US HELP HIM
SCREW THAT CRETIN!
GET BACK TO WORK!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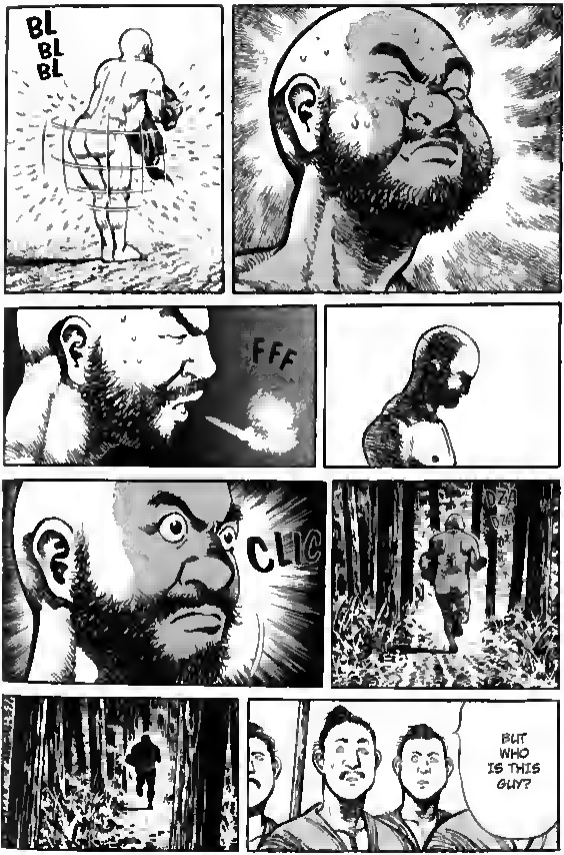
OH! HE DID IT!
HE IS STILL ALIVE
OUAIS HOURRA OUAIS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CLIC
BUT WHO IS THIS GUY?

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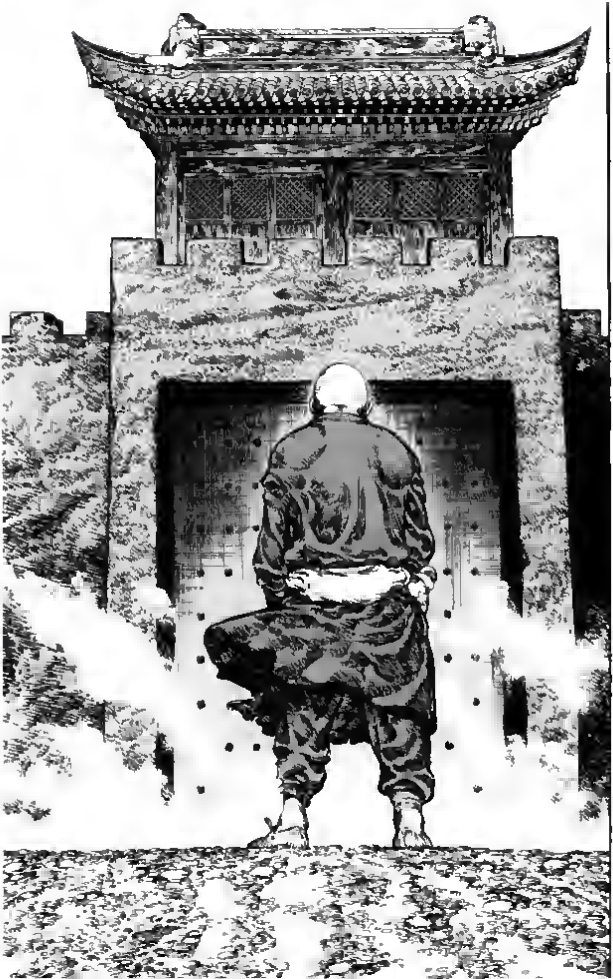
DZA

The city of Ryo
DZA



THE MEN OF BOKK ARE HERE!
Ryokei (60 years) king of En
THEY HAVE ARRIVED !!
HAHAHAHA! THE IDIOTS OF TCHO MIGHT AS WELL ATTACK US, IT WONT MATTER
THESE MEN OF BOKK, HOW MANY OF T HEM ARE HERE? 50? 100?
MY CASTLE, MY FORTUNES AND MY WIVES ARE SAVED!
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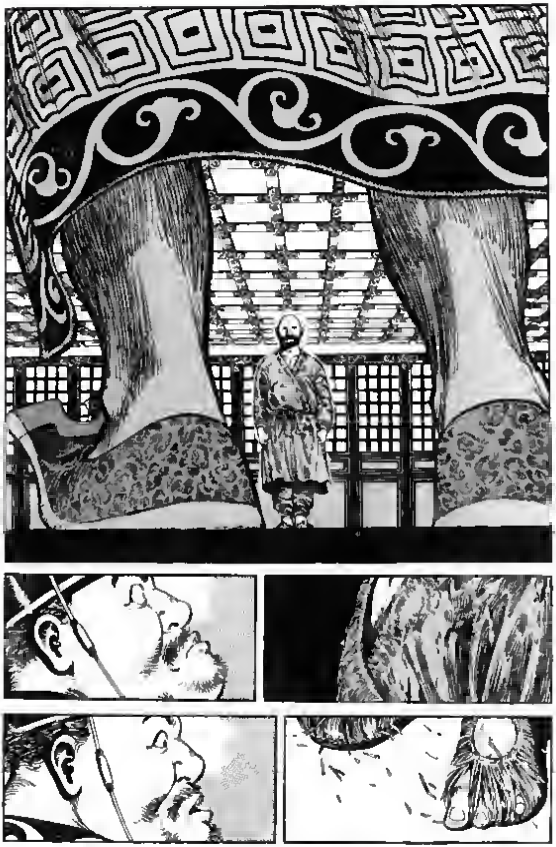
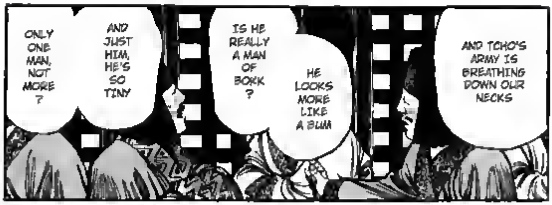
DA DA DA DA



WELL AND WHERE ARE THE OTHERS ?
ERH
YOUR MAJESTY
WH
WHAT ?!?
ONE
ONE
ONLY ONE !!!
HARK!
YOUR MAJESTY !!
LORD RYOKEI !!


ONLY ONE MAN, NOT MORE ?
AND JUST HIM, HE'S SO TINY
IS HE REALLY A MAN OF BOKK ?
HE LOOKS MORE LIKE A BUM
AND TCHO'S ARMY IS BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS

IT IS THE END OF OUR CITY

I REPRESENT THE SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS CALLED "BOKK" MY NAME IS KAKURI!

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CHAPTER 02

KAKURI'S PROMISE

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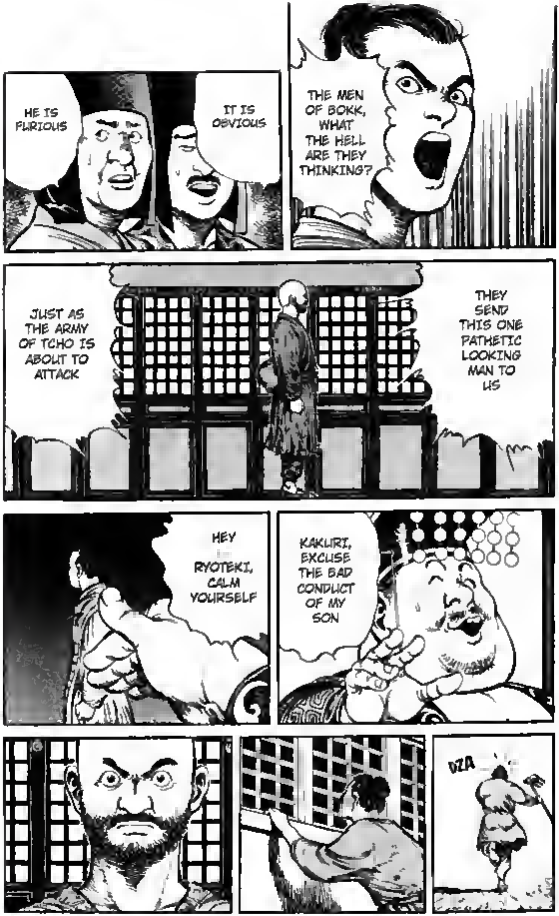
King Ryokei reign in the fort of Ryo
HAN HAN
ZZAH
Ryoteki (22 years) son of Ryokei

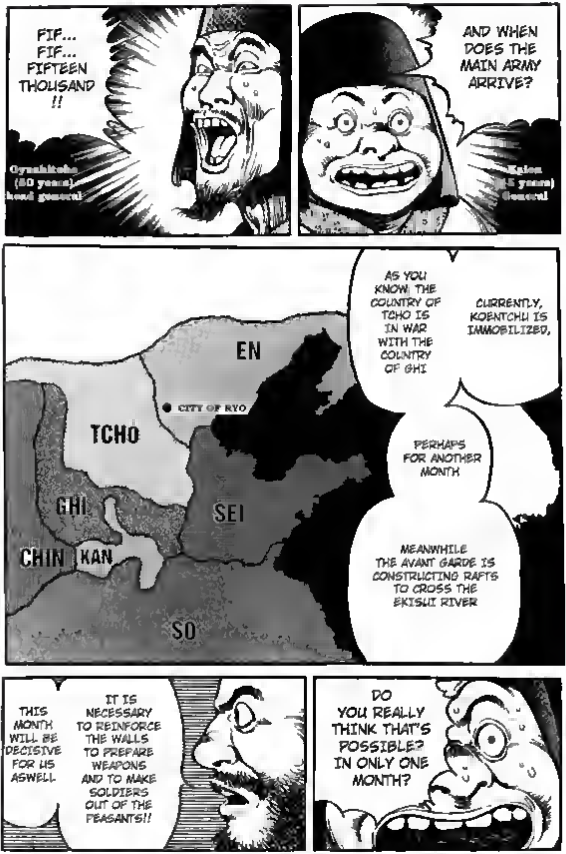

HE IS FURIOUS
IT IS OBVIOUS
THE MEN OF BOKK, WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY THINKING?
JUST AS THE ARMY OF TCHO IS ABOUT TO ATTACK
THEY SEND THIS ONE PATHETIC LOOKING MAN TO US
HEY RYOTEKI, CALM YOURSELF
KAKURI, EXCUSE THE BAD CONDUCT OF MY SON
DZA

I IS IT TRUE?
YEAH, PRINCE RYOTEKI WAS SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS
HAN HAN
TCHO'S ARMY IS CLOSE!
A LARGE ARMY IS COMING TO ATTACK US
WHAT ABOUT THE REIN-FORCEMENT?
IT'S WAS ONLY A SMALL GUY HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH
ONLY ONE MAN?
EVEN THE SCHOOL OF BOKK HAS GIVEN UP ON US
HAN HAN
HAN HAN
Saikyu
(21 years)
a peasant

IT IS THE END OF OUR CITY.
WE'LL ALL BE MASSACRED
AIE AH

I ARRIVE AS ORDERED BY BENJOSHI THE LEADER OF THE MEN OF BOKK
I ASSURE YOU I WILL DEFEND THIS CITY

THEY HAVE ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND MEN WHO ARE WAITING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EKISUI RIVER AT THE MOMENT
THE LARGER PART OF THE ARMY, TEN THOUSAND MEN, IS ON ITS WAY TO THE CAMP LED BY GENERAL KOENTCHU.


PIF... PIF... FIFTEEN THOUSAND !!
Gyouhitsu (80 years) head general
AND WHEN DOES THE MAIN ARMY ARRIVE?
Kaien (45 years) General
AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTRY OF TCHO IS IN WAR WITH THE COUNTRY OF GHI
CURRENTLY, KOENTCHU IS IMMOBILIZED,
PERHAPS FOR ANOTHER MONTH
MEANWHILE THE AVANT GARDE IS CONSTRUCTING RAFTS TO CROSS THE EKISUI RIVER
EN
CITY OF RYO
TCHO
GHI
SEI
CHIN
KAN
SO
THIS MONTH WILL BE DECISIVE FOR US ASWELL
IT IS NECESSARY TO REINFORCE THE WALLS TO PREPARE WEAPONS AND TO MAKE SOLDIERS OUT OF THE PEASANTS!!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE? IN ONLY ONE MONTH?

IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE YOU MUST PUT ME IN POWER OF THIS CITY
WHAT?
GENERAL SYLISHITCHO WILL HAVE TO OBEY ME
MOREOVER, EVEN YOUR MAJESTY WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS
HARK !!!
WHAT IMPU-DENCE!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH !!

KAKURI! YOUR REQUEST IS OUT OF THE QUESTION !!!
WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS, BUT THE KING, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE!
IN THAT CASE, I WILL ASK YOU TO WITHDRAW
WAIT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
AHEM
KAKURI, THIS LONG VOYAGE MUST HAVE EXHAUSTED YOU
MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU TAKE A REST

SHU! SHU!
IS HE THE MAN OF BOKK? WHAT A WASHOUT!
EVEN I LOOK MORE FIT FOR THE JOB
YOU WILL SLEEP IN HERE
IN THE STABLE?
IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THAT ?
NO NO THIS WILL BE FINE
FLATCH!

BRRR
WHAT A STRANGE GUY!
THERE WAS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR THIS MAN OF BOKK
IT'S USELESS TO AWAIT THE ORDERS OF THE KING!
WE WILL DEFEND OUR CITY BY OURSELVES
WE USED OUR HANDS TO FLOW OUR FIELDS NOW OUR HANDS WILL DEFEND THEM
LET US REAP THE ARMY OF TCHO!
LET US REAP THE ARMY OF TCHO!

HA HA
AAAH!
IT'S TIME THE BABY IS COMING
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE!
SOON THE MASSACRE WILL START !!!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE
WHO GOES THERE!
AAAH!!!

SAIKYU! IS THAT YOU? ARE YOU TRYING TO ESCAPE?
PLEASE, STAY AWAY FROM MY BELLY!
BAYA BAYA
TRAITOR!
GHIA
TRAITOR!
GHIA
AAARH!!!

HE WILL BE CONFINED!
TSA
TSA
TSA
TSA
WAKE HER UP!
NN
NN
NN

AH-AHH
HMPF
HMPF

ZU
OH! OVER THERE!

IT IS THE ARMY OF TCHO!
THE ARMY OF TCHO IS ATTACKING !!
AAAH!
AAAH!
THEY WILL KILL US ALL!
HELP!
THEY'LL KILL US!

PAFF
OUNTCH
GLUB
TAF
LOOK! WHAT IS HE DOING?

THEY ARE SPIES FROM TCHO
LOOK AT THEIR HANDS, THEY ARE TOO SMOOTH, WITHOUT CALLUS. THEY ARE NOT THE HANDS OF A PEASANT
THERE ARE SURELY MORE OF THEM,
FIND THEM!
OOH! DID THE MEN OF TCHO ALREADY ENTER OUR CITY?
DON'T PANIC !!!
THEIR ARMY, HAS NOT CROSSED THE EKISUI RIVER YET
THE HEADS ON THE STICKS ARE ONLY FOR PROVOCATION
THEY WILL NOT ATTACK FOR ANOTHER MONTH
DURING THIS TIME WE'LL HAVE TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME
OUR COUNTRY IS POOR
WE CAN'T FIGHT
WE'LL NEVER WIN AGAINST TCHO'S ARMY
PSS
QUINN
QUINN
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

HAS MY WIFE DELIVERED YET?
ARGH ARGH
YES, EVERY-THING WENT WELL.
IT WAS HARD, BUT THAT IS ONE LARGE BOY YOU GOT

HOP
HEREBY I DECLARE THAT I WILL DEFEND THIS LIFE!
IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, THEN DO AS I SAY

YES, I WILL FIGHT
I WILL DEFEND MY WIFE AND MY SON
EVEN IF I'LL BE THE ONLY SURVIVOR
I DON'T WANT TO FLEE ANY MORE
ME ... ME TOO
I'LL FIGHT TOO!

I ALSO WANT TO FIGHT
HE DEFEATED THREE STRONG MEN IN A SECOND!
YEAH! LET US FOLLOW THE MAN OF BOKK, WE WILL SURVIVE!
THIS LAND IS ALL WE HAVE
TO HELL WITH TCHO
Finally, Kakuri had gained his first few men.
But it was still just the first step towards building up a resistance against the large army of Tcho
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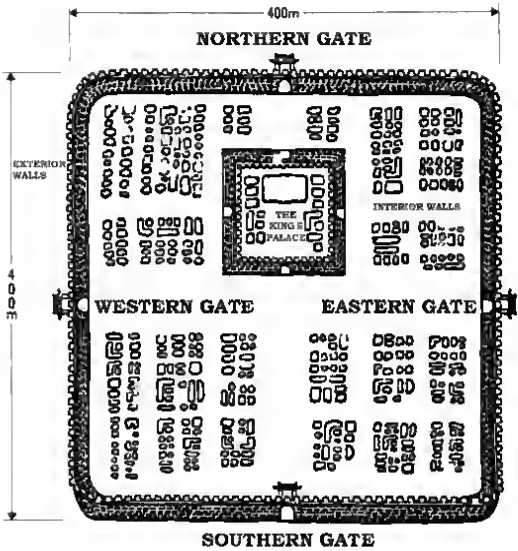

THE CITY OF RYO

CHAPTER 03:
KAKURI REPAIRS THE CITY WALLS

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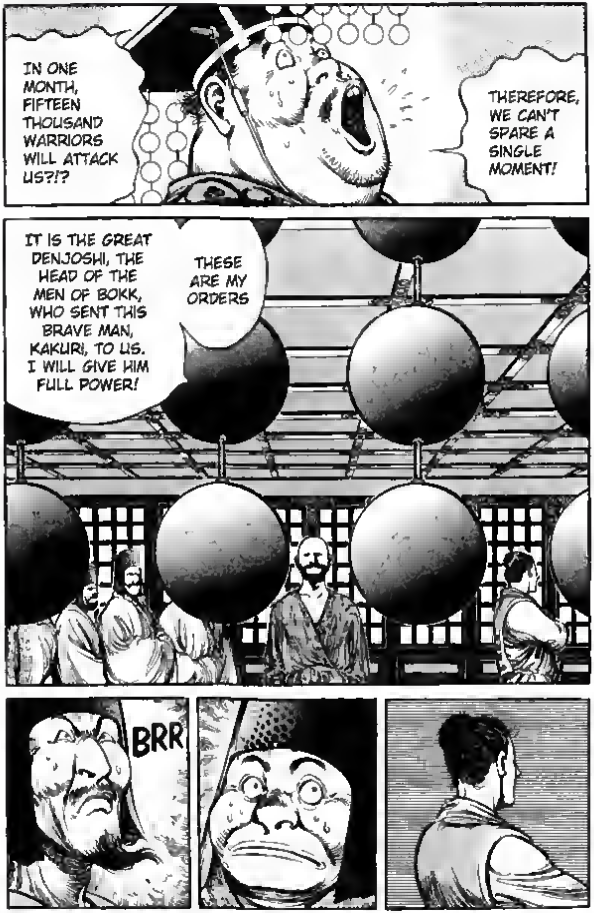
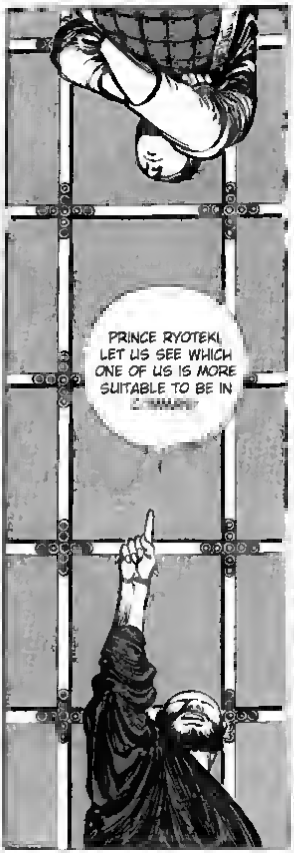
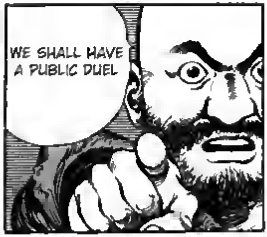

IN ONE MONTH, FIFTEEN THOUSAND WARRIORS WILL ATTACK US?!?
THEREFORE, WE CAN'T SPARE A SINGLE MOMENT!
IT IS THE GREAT DENJOSHI, THE HEAD OF THE MEN OF BOKK, WHO SENT THIS BRAVE MAN, KAKURI, TO US. I WILL GIVE HIM FULL POWER!
THESE ARE MY ORDERS
BRR

WITH YOUR HELP EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT FINE, MY DEAR KAKURI!
HOH
HOH
FATHER, HAVE YOU GIVEN UP YOUR ROYAL PRIDE?
D... D... DON'T SAY THAT RYOTEKI!
HH HH HH
INSTEAD OF TRUSTING THIS MAN WHO'S BARELY BEEN HERE A DAY
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER TRUST YOUR OWN SON?
CHEERS, WELL SAID!
I AGREE WITH YOU, PRINCE RYOTEKI

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY REAL POWER FROM THE MEN OF BOKK
ALL I SAW, WAS A MAN WHO OVERCAME THREE SPIES YESTERDAY EVENING
THAT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR A WHOLE CITY TO DEPEND ON!
MOAH HA HA HA!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!!
THEN I WILL HAVE TO PROVE IT TO YOU
I WILL DEMONSTRATE MY TALENTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY
WELL, WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT...


PRINCE RYOTEKI, LET US SEE WHICH ONE OF US IS MORE SUITABLE TO BE IN

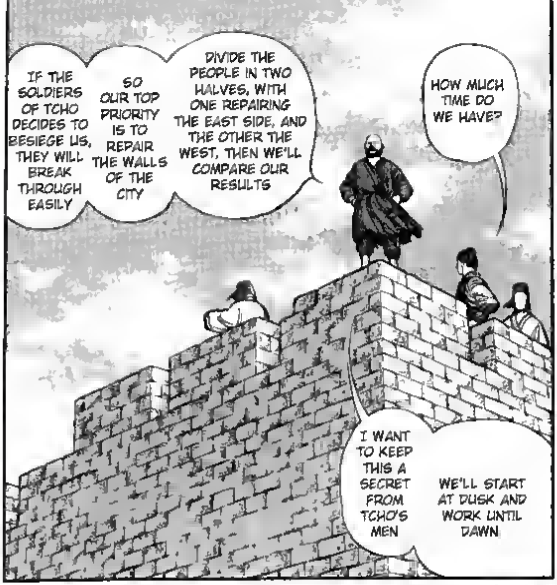

WE SHALL HAVE A PUBLIC DUEL

CLING

GENERAL GYU, TELL THE PEOPLE TO GATHER IN THE COURTYARD
THAT IS AN ORDER!

CHUI
CHUI

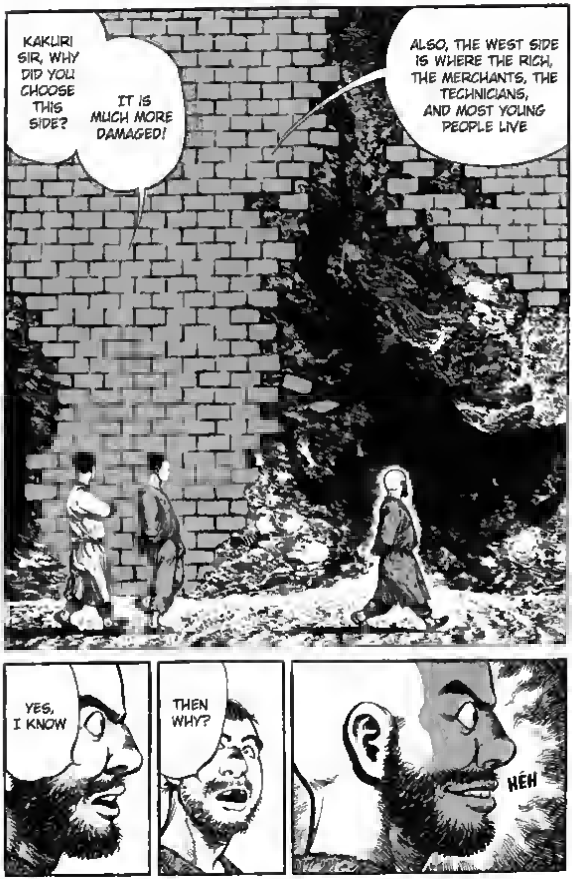
IS EVERYONE HERE?
HOW MANY ARE THEY?
SHHIIOOUUU
SHHIIOOUUU
4500 MEN IN ALL, BUT ONLY 1500 SOLDIERS
HOW WILL WE FIGHT, WITH OUR BARE HANDS?
AS YOU ALL CAN SEE
THE PALACE IS SURROUNDED BY FIRM BRICK WALLS
BUT THE EAST WALL OF THE CITY IS SEVERELY DAMAGED


IF THE SOLDIERS OF TCHO DECIDES TO BESIEGE US, THEY WILL BREAK THROUGH EASILY
SO OUR TOP PRIORITY IS TO REPAIR THE WALLS OF THE CITY
DIVIDE THE PEOPLE IN TWO HALVES, WITH ONE REPAIRING THE EAST SIDE, AND THE OTHER THE WEST, THEN WE'LL COMPARE OUR RESULTS
HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?
I WANT TO KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM TCHO'S MEN
WE'LL START AT DUSK AND WORK UNTIL DAWN

WHAT? ONLY ONE NIGHT?
YES, THEN WE'LL SEE WHO IS THE WINNER

HI

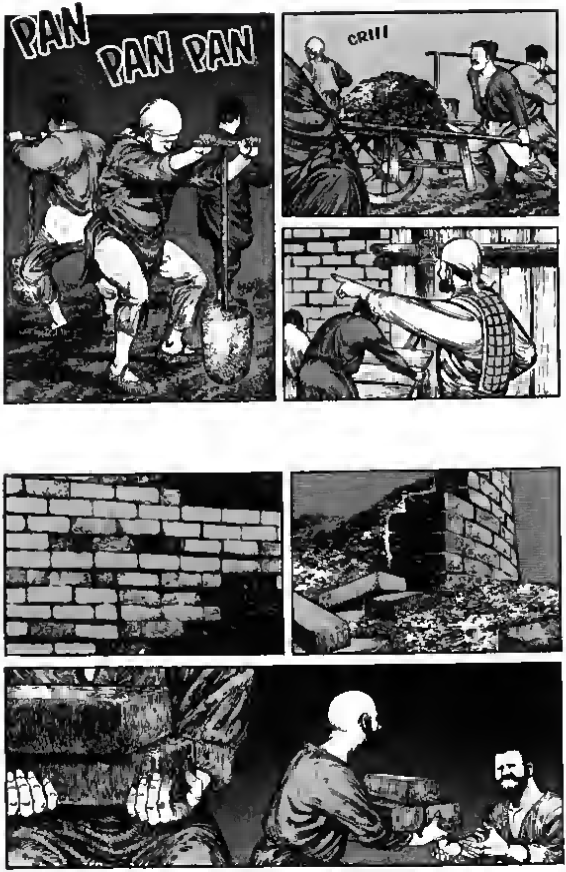
THEN, THE PRINCE WILL COMMAND THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST WHICH WILL REPAIR THE WESTERN WALL,
MEANWHILE, YOU WILL TAKE THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST WHICH WILL REPAIR THE EASTERN WALL


KAKURI SIR, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS SIDE?
IT IS MUCH MORE DAMAGED!
ALSO, THE WEST SIDE IS WHERE THE RICH, THE MERCHANTS, THE TECHNICIANS, AND MOST YOUNG PEOPLE LIVE
YES, I KNOW
THEN WHY?
HÉH

BRRR
THERE ARE EIGHT LARGE CRACKS!
DIVIDE OUR PEOPLE INTO EIGHT TEAMS AND START WORKING ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUCTIONS!
THE SUN IS SETTING, YOU CAN START WORKING NOW!
HOURRA
HOURRA

PAN PAN
DZA DZA

DZA
DZA
DZA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PAN PAN
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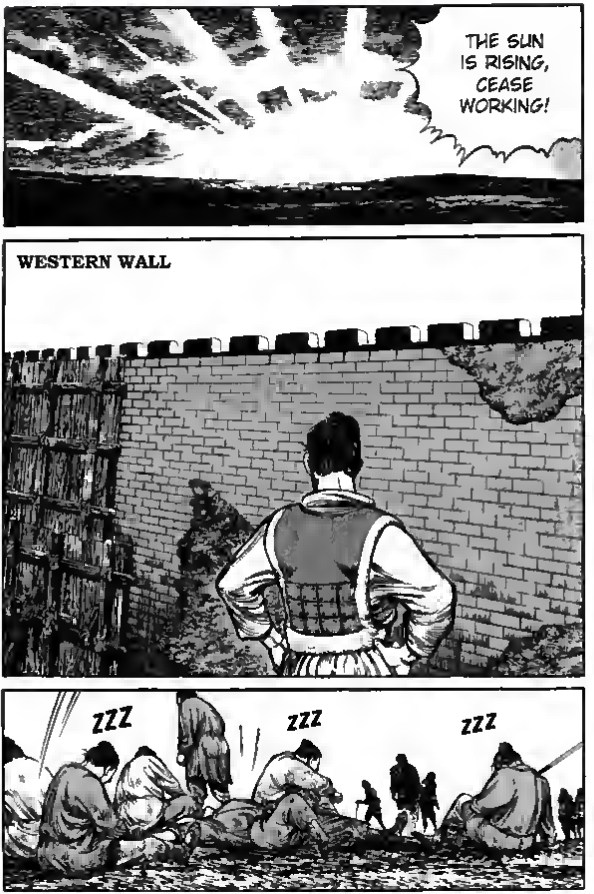
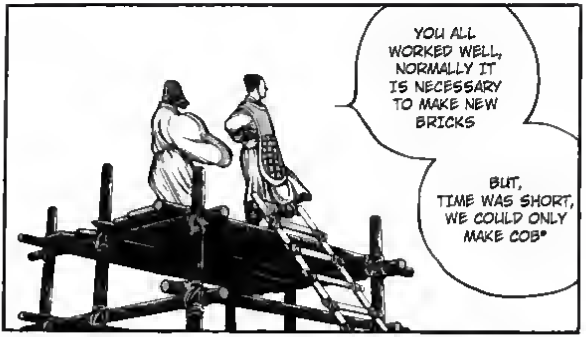
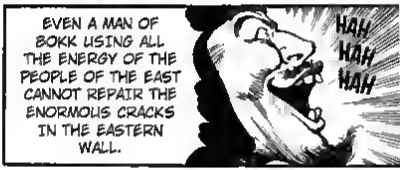
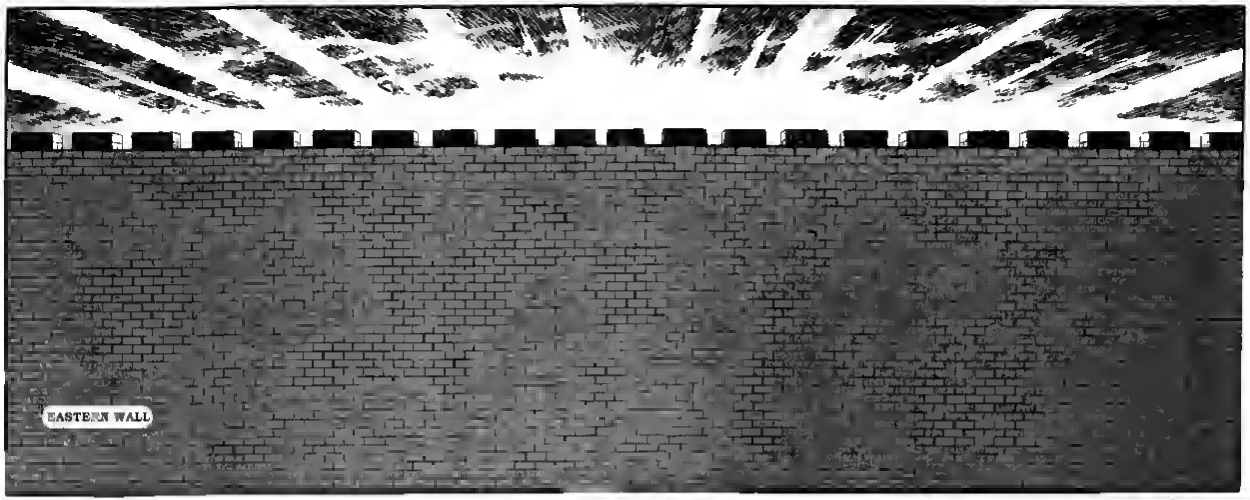

THE SUN IS RISING, CEASE WORKING!
WESTERN WALL
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ




EVEN A MAN OF BOKK USING ALL THE ENERGY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST CANNOT REPAIR THE ENORMOUS CRACKS IN THE EASTERN WALL.
HAH HAH HAH

* A SUBSTITUTE FOR BRICKS, MADE OF STRAW AND MUD


EASTERN WALL

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO SOMETHING, YOU CAN DO IT!
POK

HONESTLY, I COULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THIS BEFORE WE BEGAN
WE OWE IT ALL TO MISTER KAKURI
A REAL MAN OF BOKK, NOW WE'RE FINALLY SAFE AGAIN
HAN HAN
WITH HIM AS OUR LEADER, WE COULD EVEN DEFEAT TCHO'S ARMY

DADZA
DADZA
DADZA

WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THESE SUPERB BRICKS?

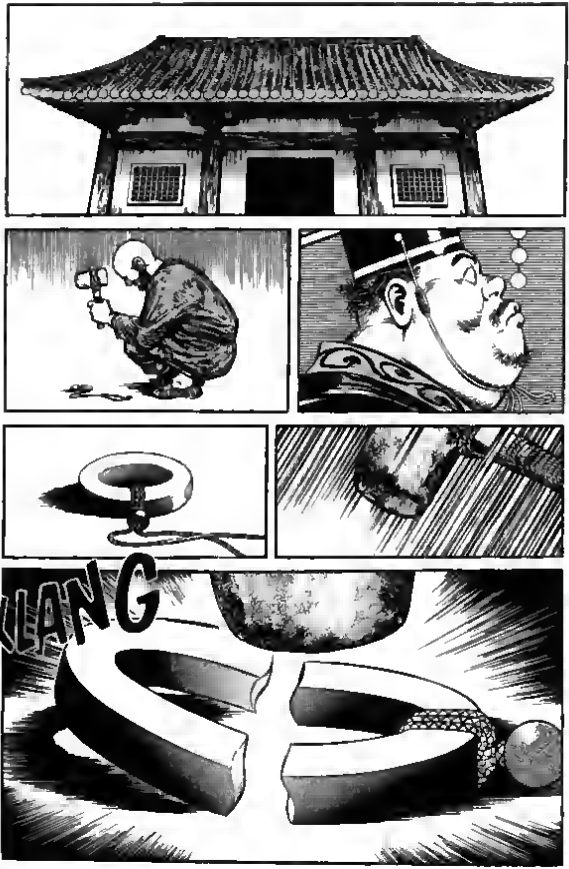
INCREDIBLE! IT IS EVEN BETTER THAN THE WESTERN WALL!

AH!
WHAT ?
THE WALLS ARROUND THE PALACE!
TO ALLOW HIMSELF TO USE
THE BRICKS FROM THE WALLS THAT PROTECTS OUR KING! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
KAKU RIIII !!!

HUCK

"THERE, THERE, PRINCE, SHEATHE THY SWORD"
BL BL
BL BL
WHAT! THE OLD ONE IS STILL ALIVE! SHE MUST BE OVER A HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS OLD!
ARGH BL BL
"THERE IS NO NEED TO FIGHT. OUR ROYAL FAMILY SHALL ALWAYS SURVIVE.
IT WAS A WISE DECISION TO USE THE BRICKS FROM THE PALACE'S WALLS."

ARGH BL
BL
BL
"WE DO NOT HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE ON THINGS LIKE ANGER. ACCEPT IT QUIETLY SO WE MAY CONTINUE
EVEN AFTER ANOTHER MONTH, MANY THINGS WILL STILL SURPRISE US."
"CURRENTLY, THE SURPRISING THING IS THAT HE HAS THE POWER THAT WE WILL NEED IN ORDER TO REPRESS THE ARMY OF TCHO."
GRRR !!!


KLANG

DZA DZA
?
THIS RING SHALL BE THE PROOF OF MY OATH
AS LONG AS THESE TWO HALVES ARE SEPARATED...
I WILL REMAIN TRUE TO THE PROMISE THAT I MADE, TO SAVE THIS CITY!

WELL, I'M COUNTING ON YOU...
SO, I GUESS WE'VE REACHED AN UNDER-STANDING
IN THAT CASE, LET US TAKE ON PHASE TWO OF THE PREPARATIONS
ZA
NOW KAKURI HAS OBTAINED THE COMMAND OF THE CITY OF KYO BUT HIS TRUE SUPPORTERS REMAIN FEW

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CHAPTER 04

KAKURI CRUSHES THE ENEMY

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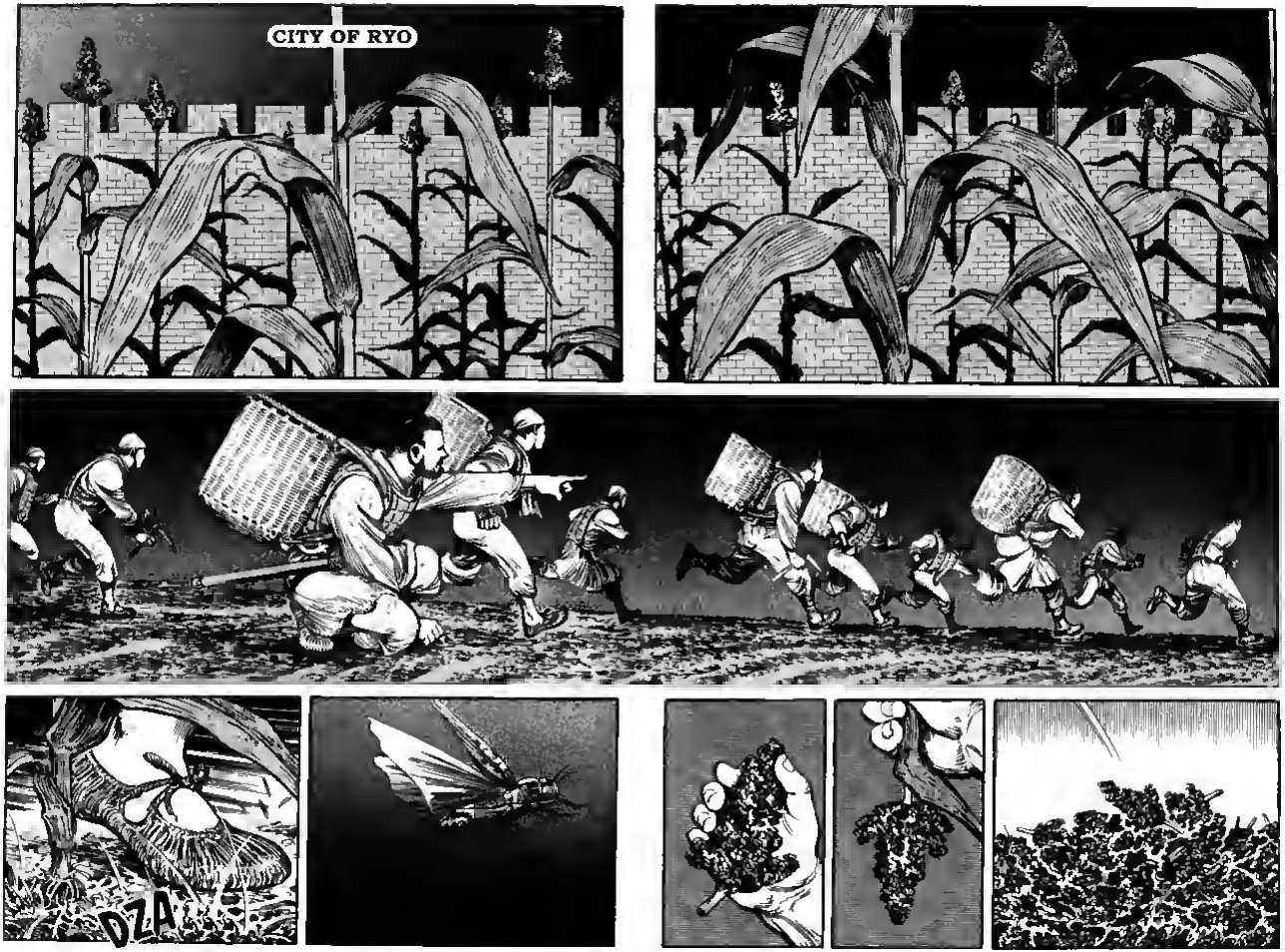
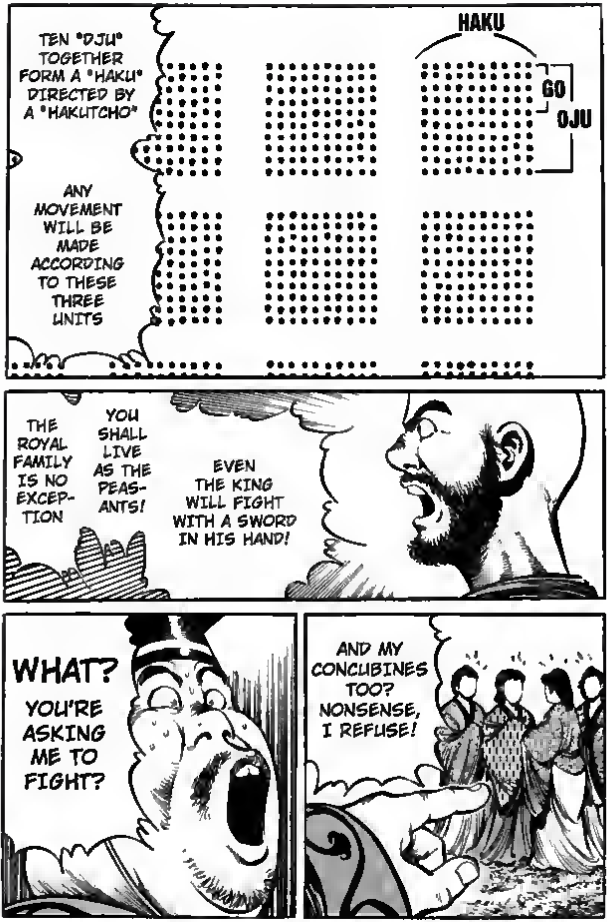
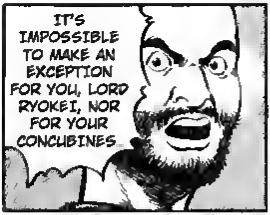

CITY OF RYO
DZA

FROM NOW ON, IT IS I, KAKURI, WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THE CITY OF RYO!
EVERYONE, FROM THE KING TO THE PEASANTS, MUST OBEY ME!
IS THAT CLEAR ?!?

THE BATTLE WE'RE PREPARING FOR WILL BE RELENTLESS. THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY DEPENDS ON IT
THIS IS WHY EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD, MAN AND WOMAN, WILL HAVE TO FIGHT. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE THE ILL, THE WOUNDED AND THE DOCTORS.
YOU WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS OF FIVE MEN OR FIVE WOMEN.
EACH TEAM WILL BE CALLED A "GO" AND WILL CHOOSE A LEADER, THE "GOTCHO"
BAYA
WAYA
TWO "GO" JOINED TOGETHER MAKES A "DJU" WHO'S ELECTED HEAD IS THE "DJUTCHO".
AWA
AWA
AWA


TEN "DJU" TOGETHER FORM A "HAKU" DIRECTED BY A "HAKUTCHO"
ANY MOVEMENT WILL BE MADE ACCORDING TO THESE THREE UNITS
HAKU
GO
OJU
THE ROYAL FAMILY IS NO EXCEP-TION
YOU SHALL LIVE AS THE PEAS-ANTS!
EVEN THE KING WILL FIGHT WITH A SWORD IN HIS HAND!
WHAT? YOU'RE ASKING ME TO FIGHT?
AND MY CONCUBINES TOO? NONSENSE, I REFUSE!

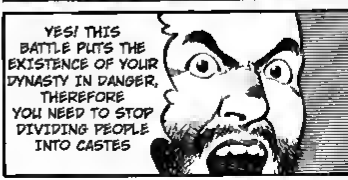

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YOU, LORD RYOKEI, NOR FOR YOUR CONCUBINES

HE'S MOCKING US!

PRINCE ...

RYOKI (19 YEARS), RYOTEKI'S FIANCE

KAKURI! SHALL I, CROWN PRINCE RYOTEKI, AND RYOKI LET OURSELVES BE REGARDED AS PEASANTS?

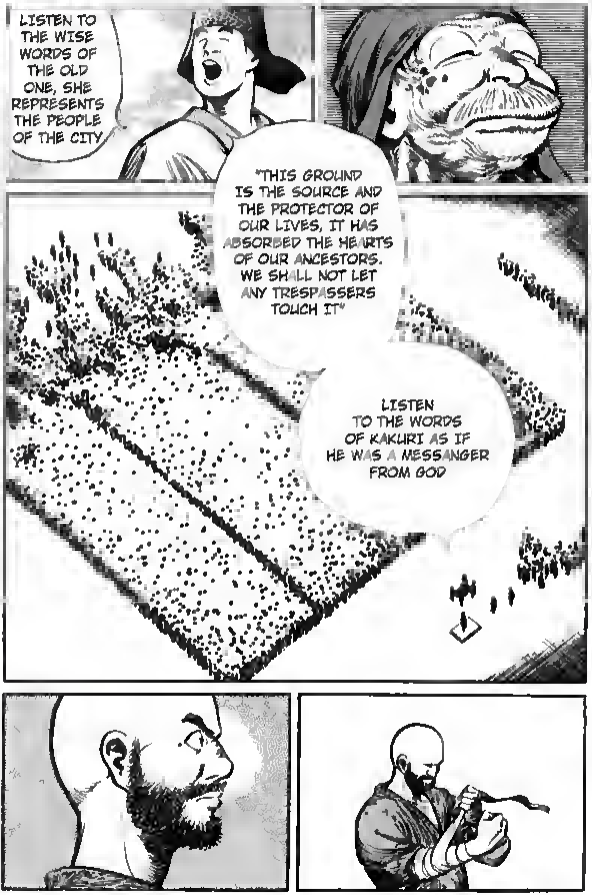

YES! THIS BATTLE PUTS THE EXISTENCE OF YOUR DYNASTY IN DANGER, THEREFORE YOU NEED TO STOP DIVIDING PEOPLE INTO CASTES

WHAT!
IF WE LOSE THIS BATTLE, ALL THE WOMEN WILL BECOME WHORES FOR THE SOLDIERS OF TCHO TO PLAY WITH!
EVEN I HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BY WHAT I'VE SEEN DURING BATTLES
WHEN A CITY IS CONQUERED, THE MEN ARE SOLD LIKE SLAVES, THE OLD MEN AND CHILDREN GET MASSACRED,
AND ALL WOMEN GET RAPED
THAT'S THE WAY OF WAR!

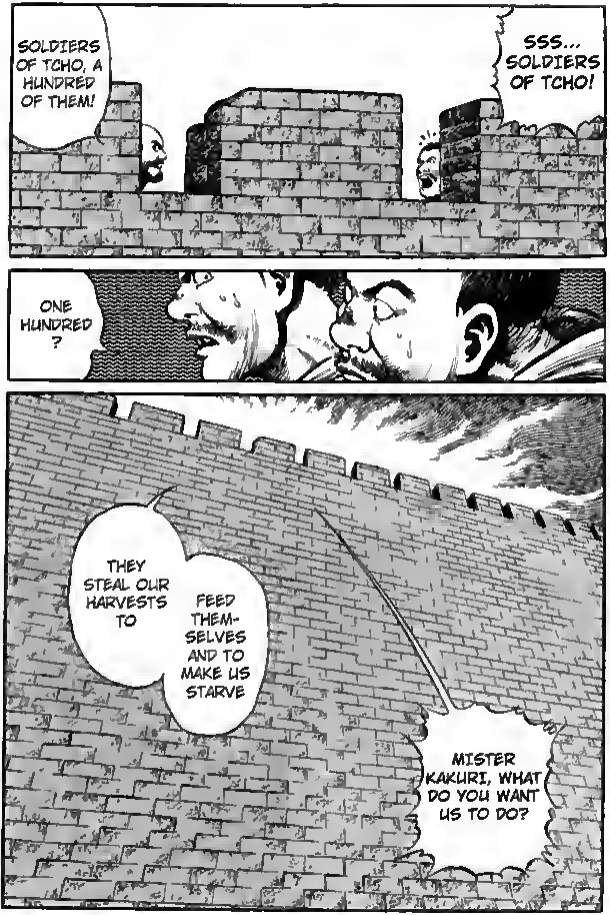
DON'T WORRY! I WONT EVEN LET THEM TOUCH A FINGER ON YOUR HAND
DO NOT FEAR, I AM HERE
I REASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL FIGHT OFF THE ARMY OF TCHO, AND THAT YOUR LIVES WILL BE PROTECTED
I LEARNED THE TECHNIQUES OF DEFENSE FROM MY MASTER, BOKKSHI. AND BY THE ORDERS OF DENJOSHI, I'VE ALLREADY DEFENDED SEVERAL CASTLES, WITH A WEAPON IN MY HAND

THE MEN OF BOKK RECEIVE THEIR ENERGY FROM GOD, WHO SUPPORTS THEM
OUR CAUSE IS RIGHT, WE CANNOT LOSE AGAINST THE CRUEL MEN OF TCHO, EVEN IF THEY ARE STRONGER THAN US!!
DZZZ

PLOC
I SWEAR TO DEFEND THIS GROUND THAT DEVOURS MY BLOOD,
THEREFORE YOU MUST TRUST AND OBEY ME, EVEN WHEN YOU NEED TO RISK YOUR LIFE!
ARE YOU WITH ME?
YOU! YOU!
FUGNA ARGNA FUGNA


LISTEN TO THE WISE WORDS OF THE OLD ONE, SHE REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY
"THIS GROUND IS THE SOURCE AND THE PROTECTOR OF OUR LIVES, IT HAS ABSORBED THE HEARTS OF OUR ANCESTORS. WE SHALL NOT LET ANY TRESPASSERS TOUCH IT"
LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF KAKURI AS IF HE WAS A MESSANGER FROM GOD

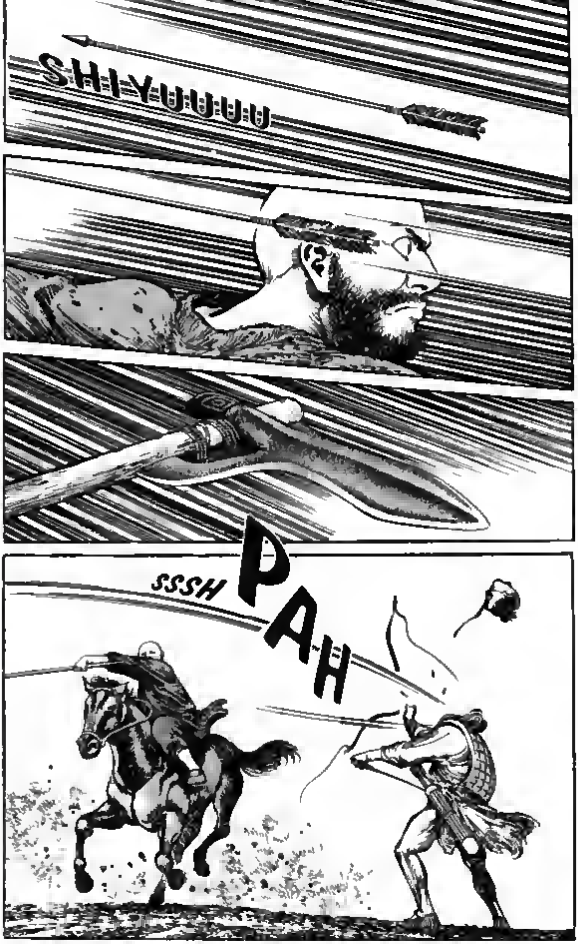
KAKURI, COME SEE!
IT'S BIZARRE!
THE FIELD IS MOVING!
THE FIELD MOVED?
YOU MUST BE JOKING
DZA
CHI
LOOK! OVER THERE!
VZZZ
VZZZ
VZZZ


SOLDIERS OF TCHO, A HUNDRED OF THEM!
SSS... SOLDIERS OF TCHO!
ONE HUNDRED ?
THEY STEAL OUR HARVESTS TO FEED THEM-SELVES AND TO MAKE US STARVE
MISTER KAKURI, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?

OPEN THE GATES !!!
CU!!!
VZZZ
VZZZ
VZZZ
VZZZ
IDIOTS, THEY'RE FINISHED NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN US!
COME ON! WE'LL KILL THEM ALL!
LET'S SHOW THEM OUR POWER

TA
GA
DA
TA
GA
DA

THAT IS... WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S ONLY ONE MAN!
HE WANTS TO FIGHT ALONE?
HE MUST BE CRAZY!
I'LL TAKE HIM OUT !!!
TAGA DA
TAGA DA


SHIYUUUU
SSSH
PAH

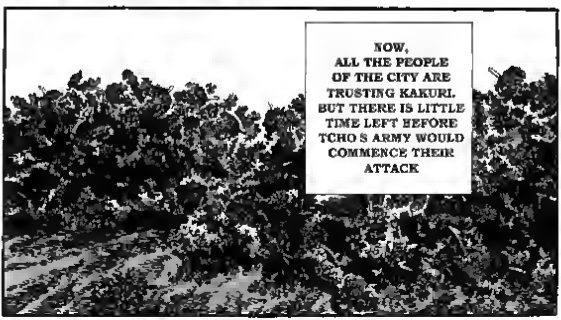
POKH
...
WAH
!!
LISTEN!
LEAVE OUR HARVESTS ALONE AND REMOVE YOUR CAMP IMMEDIATELY, UNDERSTOOD?

OTHERWISE... ONE WORD FROM ME AND ALL THE CITY'S PEOPLE WILL SURROUND YOU !!!

TAP
TAP
TAP
AH! KAKURI

TCHO'S SOLDIERS! WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

THEY LEFT THE HARVEST AND RETURNED
THE AUTUMN IS ADVANCING FAST AND THE GRAIN IS RIPE
DISPATCH SOME PEOPLE TO HARVEST AND GARNER THE FIELDS BEFORE THEY COME BACK FOR MORE


NOW, ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY ARE TRUSTING KAKURI. BUT THERE IS LITTLE TIME LEFT BEFORE TCHO'S ARMY WOULD COMMENCE THEIR ATTACK

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CHAPTER 05

KAKURI SEEKS A BRAVE MAN

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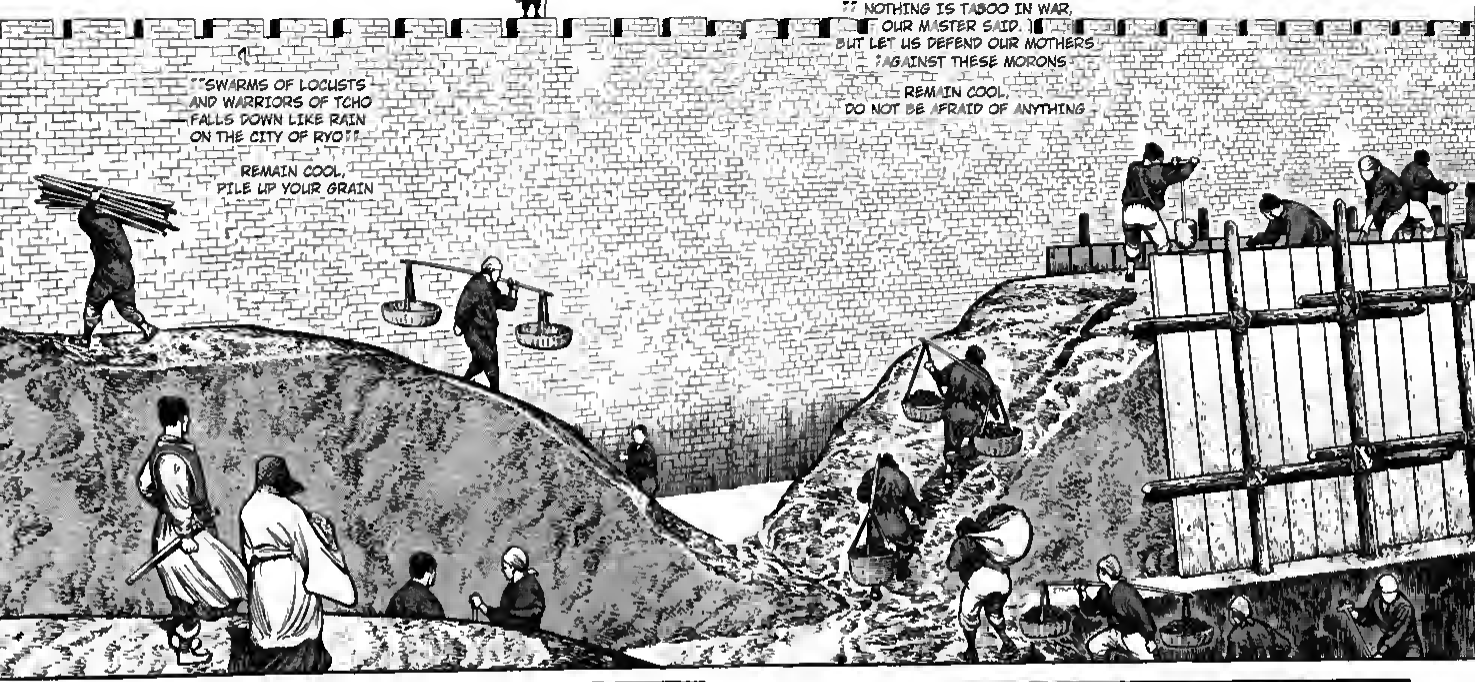
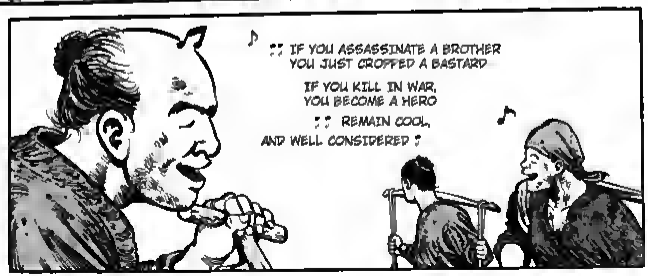

"SWARMS OF LOCUSTS AND WARRIORS OF TCHO —FALLS DOWN LIKE RAIN ON THE CITY OF RYO!"
REMAIN COOL, PILE UP YOUR GRAIN
" NOTHING IS TABOO IN WAR, OUR MASTER SAID. BUT LET US DEFEND OUR MOTHERS AGAINST THESE MORONS "
REMAIN COOL, DO NOT BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING


♪ " IF YOU ASSASSINATE A BROTHER YOU JUST CROPPED A BASTARD
IF YOU KILL IN WAR, YOU BECOME A HERO
" REMAIN COOL, AND WELL CONSIDERED "

KAKURI TAUGHT THEM THIS SONG
AH!
SO, HE DOES THINGS LIKE THAT TOO
PAN PAN PAN
HAN HAN

SINGING MAKES WORK LESS PAINFUL
YES, AND IT HELPS THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY TO HAVE A GOOD RYTHM IN THEIR MOVEMENTS
THEY TRUST KAKURI. HE GAINS MORE AND MORE TRUST EACH DAY.
DO YOU TRUST HIM TOO?
N... NO, NO, OF COURSE NOT
VZZZ
VZZZ
HMPF!

MR KAKURI, IN FIVE DAYS AT CURRENT SPEED,
THE WALLS AND THE DITCHES WILL BE FINISHED

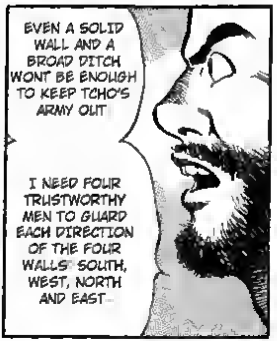
AH SAIKYU, I AM GLAD THAT I ENTRUSTED YOU WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORK

YOU ARE? I JUST DID WHAT YOU TOLD ME TO DO

I FEEL ASHAMED WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW I WANTED TO FLEE, JUST BECAUSE I WAS SCARED OF TCHO'S ARMY

...

YOU SEEM TO BE CONCERNED


EVEN A SOLID WALL AND A BROAD DITCH WONT BE ENOUGH TO KEEP TCHO'S ARMY OUT
I NEED FOUR TRUSTWORTHY MEN TO GUARD EACH DIRECTION OF THE FOUR WALLS: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH AND EAST

I BELIEVE THAT ONLY PRINCE RYOTEKI IS COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT
NO, HE IS TOO YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED
WE NEED A COURAGEOUS AND VALIANT MAN WHO HAS EXPERIENCED COMBAT
TELL YOUR MEN TO WORK FASTER
OR WE'LL HAVE TO WORK ALL NIGHT
DZA
DZA

ARE YOU REALLY A MAN OF BOKK?
WHAT A RUDE QUES-TION!

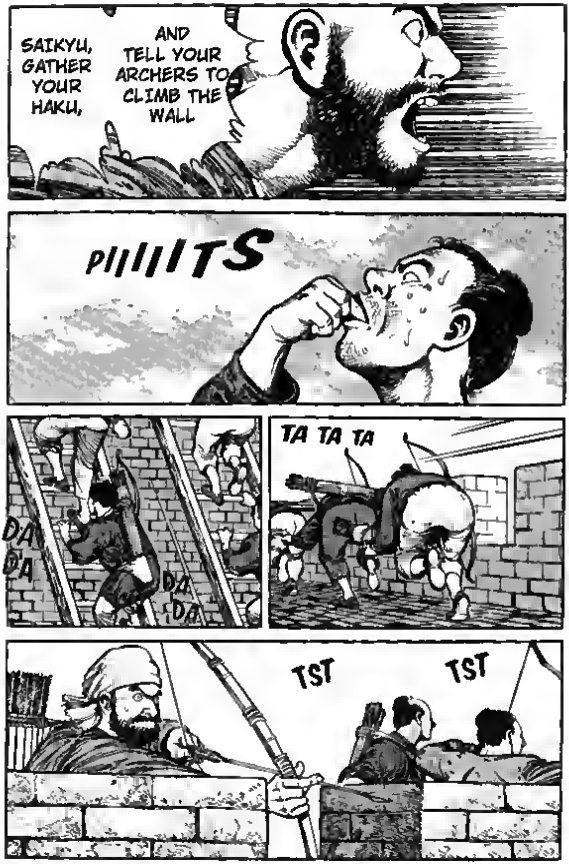
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT BOKKSHI FORBID MUSIC

HE DID NOT FORBIDD THE MUSIC OF THE CITIZENS
ONLY THE MUSIC WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS REFINED; THAT WAS MADE TO DO NOTHING BUT PLEASE THE NOBLES!
YOU CANNOT PREVENT THE PEOPLE FROM SINGING WHILE WORKING TO RELIEVE THEM OF THEIR SORROWS!

GRRR!

WHO IS THAT OVER THERE?

THE WAR-RIORS OF TCHO !!!
DZA DZA DZA
WAAH!
FALL BACK TO THE CITY!


SAIKYU, GATHER YOUR HAKU,
AND TELL YOUR ARCHERS TO CLIMB THE WALL
PIIIIITS
DA DA
DA DA
TA TA TA
TST
TST

CLOSE THE MAIN GATE !!!
GHYU
NO! THE PRINCE!
PRINCE
WE DON'T HAVE TIME!
CLOSE THE GATE!
VLAN

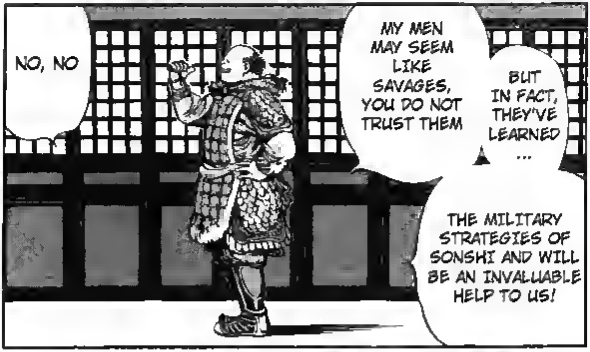
I AM THE SON OF THE KING RYOKEI,
I WILL NOT LET TO YOU TAKE A SINGLE STEP FURTHER!

HEY! WHAT A BRAVE MAN YOU HAVE BECOME!
WHAT?
IF I WAS A GIRL, I WOULD LIE IN YOUR ARMS EVERY EVENING!
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
OH! IT'S YOUR ELDER BROTHER, RYOTEKI!
IT IS PRINCE RYOKAI
TCHO'S ARMY IS NOT HERE YET!
DO NOT DRAW YOUR WEAPONS
OUF!

WHAT DO YOU WANT? OUR CITY IS THREATENED BY TCHO'S TROOPS
I KNOW, I KNOW,
THAT IS WHY I RETURNED!
HAH! HAH! HAH!
YOUR TROUBLES ARE OVER NOW THAT RYOKAI IS HERE TO DEFEND YOU!
WE ARE YOUR GUESTS, LET US IN!
GHIYÛ

FOUR YEARS AGO, OUR KING DROVE THEM OUT
HAN HAN
THE WORST OF MEN RETURN WHEN WE'RE IN THE WORST OF SITUATIONS
NYAH

YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING! YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT INHERITING THE FORTUNES OF MY ANCESTORS
INSTEAD, YOU COME AND ASK ME FOR MONEY NOW!


NO, NO
MY MEN MAY SEEM LIKE SAVAGES, YOU DO NOT TRUST THEM
BUT IN FACT, THEY'VE LEARNED ...
THE MILITARY STRATEGIES OF SONSHI AND WILL BE AN INVALUABLE HELP TO US!

O O H

SONSHI!

I ASSURE YOU, MY FRIENDS,
I WILL DEFEND YOU. I AM NOT PERVERTED ENOUGH TO FORGET ABOUT MY FAMILY

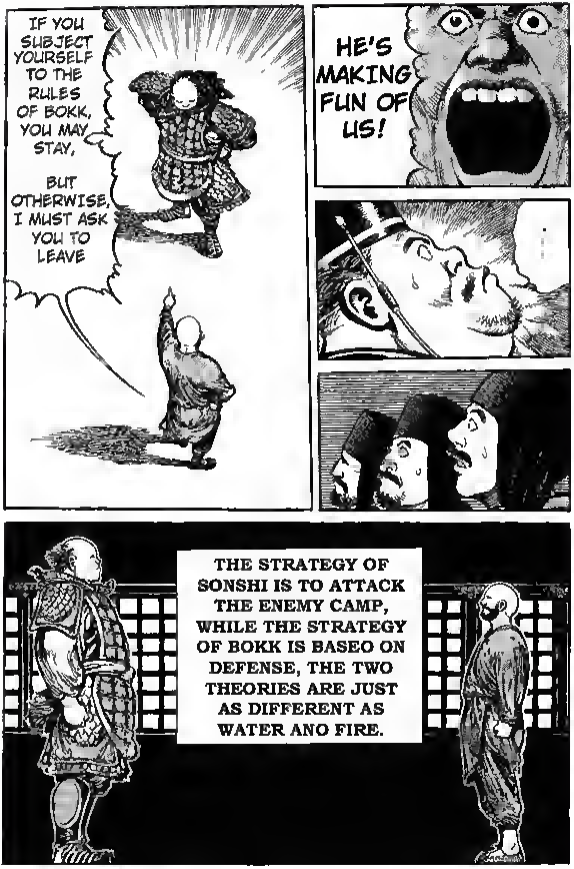
IF YOU LEARNED THE STRATEGIES OF SONSHI I AM WELL REASSURED !!!

OH, RYOKAI, WHAT A LUCKY COINCIDENCE THAT YOU RETURNED!

THE STRATEGIES OF SONSHI ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR ANYTHING !!!
WHO IS THAT MAN?
IT IS MISTER KAKURI, HE COMES FROM THE CLAN CALLED BOKK
DZA DZA
I SEE, A MAN OF BOKK
BLOP
A MAN OF BOKK! THAT AIN'T WORTH ANYTHING!

?!?
HUCK
PAF

BROM
OOH!
A DWARF LIKE HIM... HOW?
WITH YOUR SONSHI, YOU WOULDN'T LAST A SECOND AGAINST THE LARGE ARMY OF TCHO!
A BOLD STATEMENT, DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DO WITHOUT US?


IF YOU SUBJECT YOURSELF TO THE RULES OF BOKK, YOU MAY STAY,
BUT OTHERWISE, I MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE
HE'S MAKING FUN OF US!
THE STRATEGY OF SONSHI IS TO ATTACK THE ENEMY CAMP, WHILE THE STRATEGY OF BOKK IS BASEO ON DEFENSE, THE TWO THEORIES ARE JUST AS DIFFERENT AS WATER ANO FIRE.

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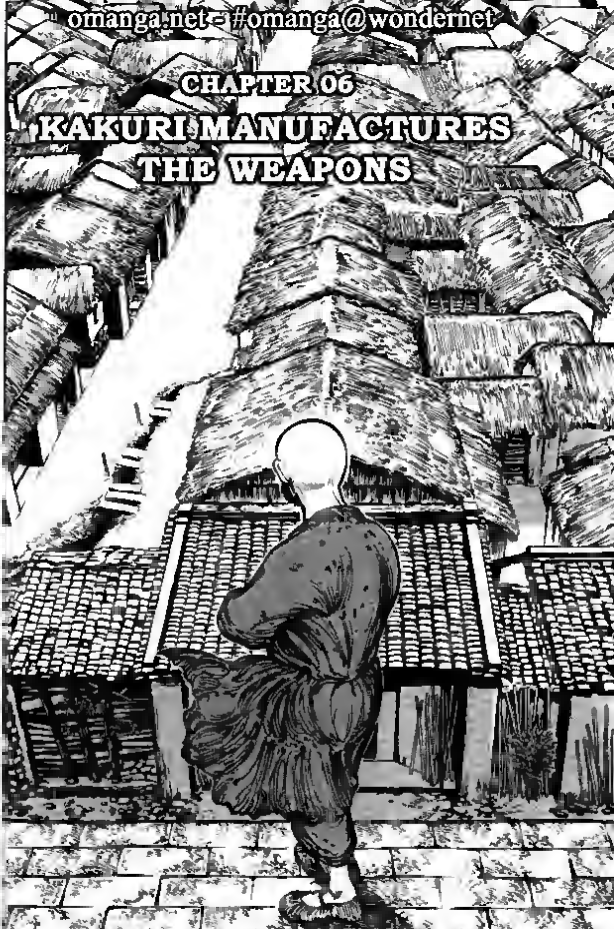
CHAPTER 06
KAKURI MANUFACTURES THE WEAPONS



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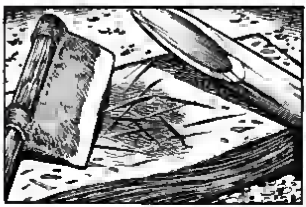
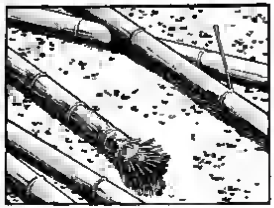
WHAT?
WHY HAVE YOU STOPPED WORKING?

IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE WALLS TO BE REPAIRED BEFORE TCHO'S ARMY ARRIVES





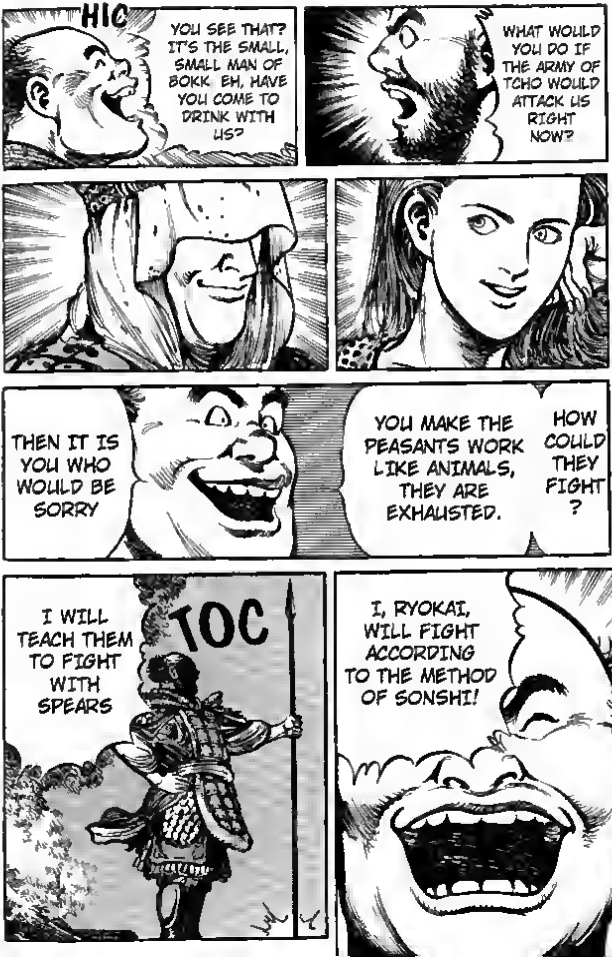
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH ALL THESE BAMBOO SPEARS?
IT IS THE WALL YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING ON, NOT THOSE WOODEN SPEARS
NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK ALL NIGHT!
PFFT! IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HIGH THE WALL IS, IT STILL WONT KEEP THE ARMY OF TCHO OUT!
HARK
TCHUK
THAT IS WHY IT'S NECESSARY FOR US TO LEARN HOW TO FIGHT, HOW TO KILL TCHO'S SOLDIERS
PRINCE RYOKAI WHO HAS JUST RETURNED SAID HE WILL TEACH US HOW TO HANDLE THE SPEARS TOMORROW MORNING!
THAT MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR US TO HAVE ALL THE SPEARS READY BEFORE SUNRISE

STOP!

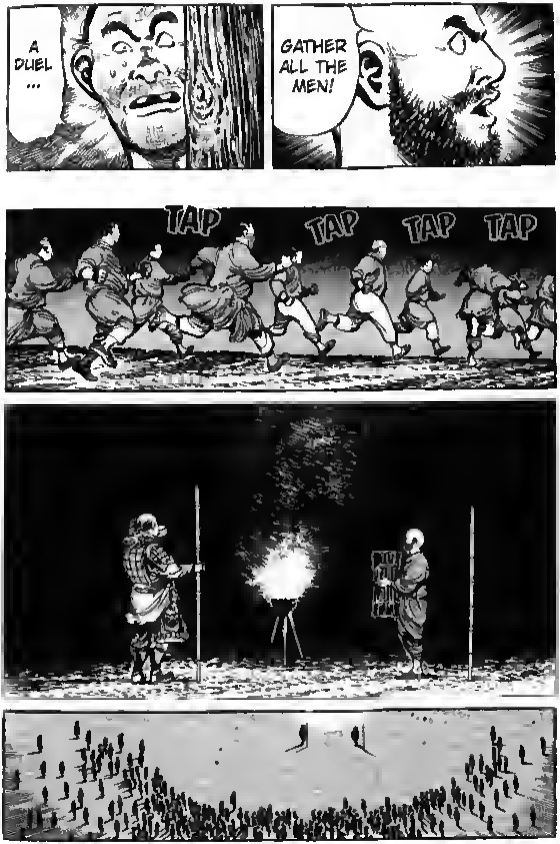
ON THE DAY OF THE BATTLE, IT IS NO OTHERS THAN WE, THE PEASANTS, WHO WILL LEAD THE COMBAT
THE RETURN OF RYOKAI HAS BROUGHT DISORDER

TCHIC
PATCH
OUAH AH
AH AH OUAH AH

GL
GL
MORE WINE! AN' KEEP IT COMMING
OUAH AH
EX
—
EXCUSE ME HE, HE WONT LET ME
"HE"? WHO IS "HE"?
WELL, EUH, IT'S ...
IT WAS I WHO PRO-HIBITED YOUR DRINKING ROUNDS


HIC
YOU SEE THAT? IT'S THE SMALL, SMALL MAN OF BOKK EH, HAVE YOU COME TO DRINK WITH US?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THE ARMY OF TCHO WOULD ATTACK US RIGHT NOW?
THEN IT IS YOU WHO WOULD BE SORRY
YOU MAKE THE PEASANTS WORK LIKE ANIMALS, THEY ARE EXHAUSTED.
HOW COULD THEY FIGHT ?
I WILL TEACH THEM TO FIGHT WITH SPEARS
TOC
I, RYOKAI, WILL FIGHT ACCORDING TO THE METHOD OF SONSHI!

AH YES, YOUR SPEAR IS QUITE SUPERB
SHUT UP! DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY I'VE KILLED WITH MY SKILLS?
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT OUR PEASANTS ARMED WITH SIMPLE SPEARS OF BAMBOO WILL BE ABLE TO REPRESS TCHO'S ARMY?
PERFECTLY! WITH SPEARS OF BAMBOO
ARE YOU SURE ?
WHAT ?!?
SAIKYU, BRING A WOOD FAGGOT AND A BAMBOO SPEAR
YES, SIR !
I WILL CHALLENGE RYOKAI!


A DUEL ...
GATHER ALL THE MEN!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

THIS FAGGOT REPRESENTS A SOLDIER OF TCHO. PLEASE LORD, GO AHEAD
RCL RCL RCL
TCHOUK
PFFT! EVERYONE LOOK AT THIS!

OUO UOU OUAH !!!
CRRACK
WOW, HOW TERRIBLE !!!
A BAMBOO SPEAR CAN PENETRATE IT THAT EASILY!
HA HA HA, DID YOU SEE THAT ?
GOOD, NOW TRY AGAIN

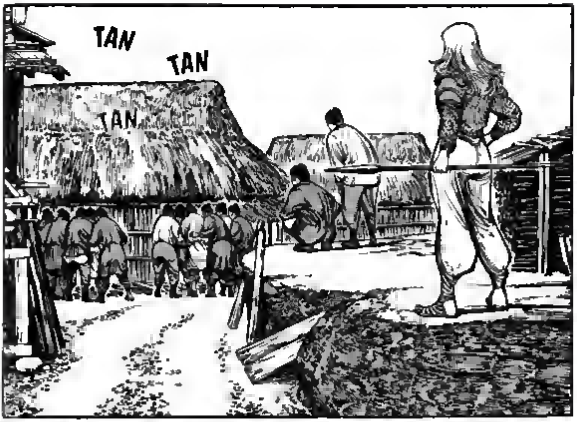
NOW RETRACT YOUR SPEAR AND TRY THAT AGAIN
WELL I'LL BE ...
PAN
OUCH !!!

DAH
OOOH!

ONCE THE SPEAR IS BROKEN, YOU ARE WEDGED
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER SPEAR INSTRUCTOR, YOU DIED
IT IS OBVIOUS. HE SHOULD HAVE JUST SWITCHED TO THE OTHER END OF THE SPEAR!
OKAY, BUT STILL ... WE HAVEN'T GOT ANY WEAPONS
EVERY-ONE!
LET US CONTINUE REPAIRING THE WALLS !
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ

I GUESS THAT WAS IT, EVERYONE RETURNS,
MISTER KAKURI, YOU CAN GET SOME REST NOW
EH?
NOT THIS EVENING, ANOTHER ERRAND AWAITS ME
IF YOU EXHAUST YOURSELF
THEN NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO REPLACE YOU
TONG
TONG
TONG

ZZZ
GRRR
KAKURI, WHERE ARE YOU?
SHOW YOURSELF, YOU COWARD!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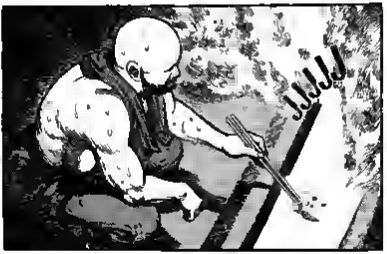
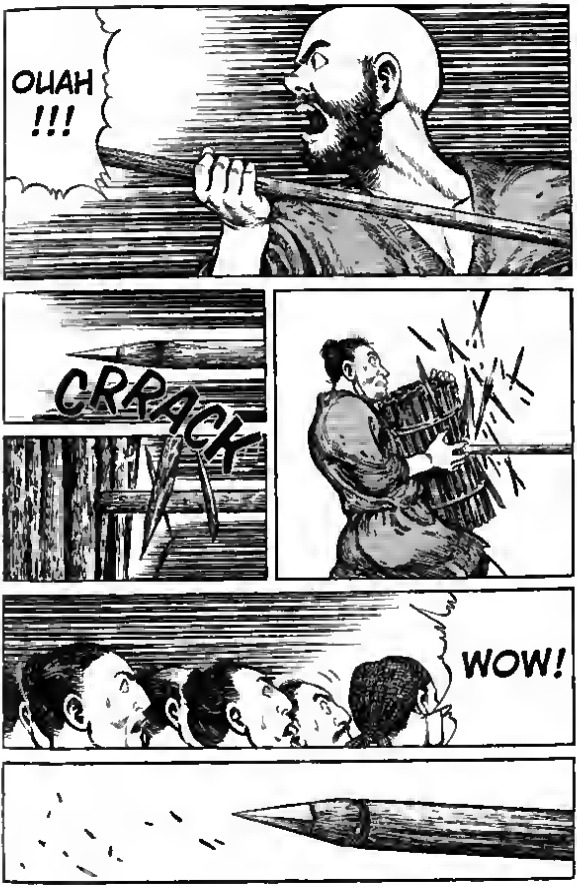


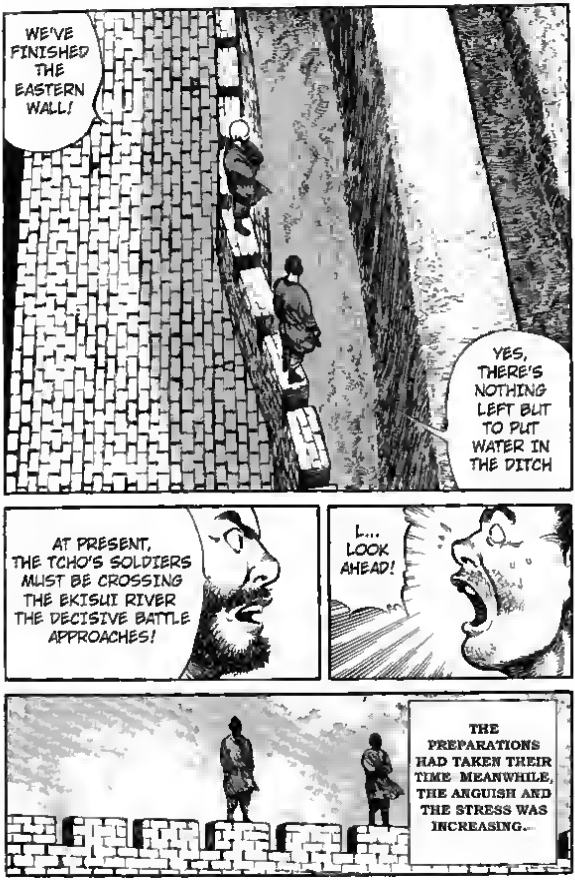
WHAT IS THAT LITTLE THING?
IT RESEMBLES AN ARROW HEAD

SUCH A SMALL THING, WILL IT BE ENOUGH?
I WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN IN THE BACK!
SAIKYU, YOU TAKE THE FAGGOT!
YES, SIR!


OUAH
!!!
CRRACK
WOW!

OUAH !!!
CRRACK
OUAH !!!
CRACK
CRACK
WHOA! YOU CAN USE IT AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT!
ZRACK
KRACK
SCHRACK

THESE WILL BE YOUR WEAPONS!
BUT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH IRON,
THAT TRANSFORMS FROM BLOCKS INTO SHARP TIPS, WE WILL MANUFACTURE THESE LATER
AGREED?
OUAIS
OUAIS


WE'VE FINISHED THE EASTERN WALL!
YES, THERE'S NOTHING LEFT BUT TO PUT WATER IN THE DITCH
AT PRESENT, THE TCHO'S SOLDIERS MUST BE CROSSING THE EKISUI RIVER THE DECISIVE BATTLE APPROACHES!
L... LOOK AHEAD!
THE PREPARATIONS HAD TAKEN THEIR TIME. MEANWHILE, THE ANGUISH AND THE STRESS WAS INCREASING...

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CHAPTER 07

THE ARRIVAL OF THE MESSSENGER

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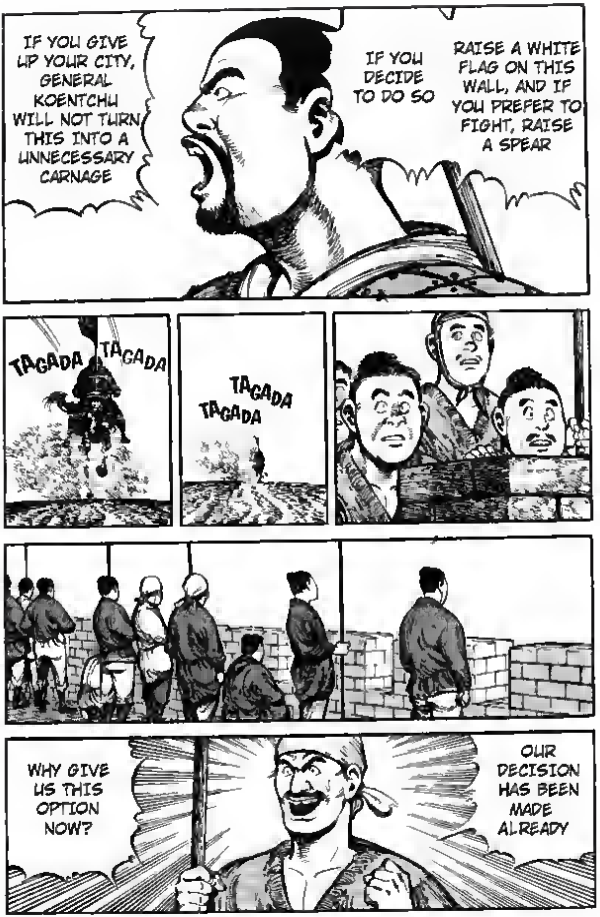
TAGADA
TAGADA
M... MISTER KAKURI! A MAN ON A HORSE!
DZA
DZA
DZA

WHAT IS HE DOING ?
HE IS ALONE
ZZZ ZZZ ZZZ
TAGADA
TAGADA
SO IT SEEMS
HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE WESTERN WALL
...
AND STUDYING THE NORTHERN WALL
DZA
DZA
BE ON YOUR GUARD
WATCH HIM CAREFULLY!

HE DOES NOT STOP BY THE TOWER OF THE CITY, WHY?
ONLY TO SHOW HIMSELF?
TAGADA
TAGADA
WONDER IF HE'LL BE A PROBLEM
THEY'RE FINALLY HERE
WHAT ?
IT IS THE FLAG OF GENERAL KOENTCHU, THE ARMY OF TEN THOUSAND MEN HAS ARRIVED
IZAK

MISTER KAKURI! HE HAS STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE SOUTHERN GATE
TAP TAP TAP
EVERYONE LISTEN TO ME! THIS IS THE LAST WARNING OF THE GREAT GENERAL KOENTCHU
LAST WARN-ING?
THEY MUST'VE DECIDED WHICH DAY THEY'LL ATTACK
THIS IS IT, IT'S BEGIN-NING !
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!
TELL US WHERE YOU STAND,
AND YOU MIGHT BE SAVED
HUH?


IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR CITY, GENERAL KOENTCHU WILL NOT TURN THIS INTO A UNNECESSARY CARNAGE
IF YOU DECIDE TO DO SO
RAISE A WHITE FLAG ON THIS WALL, AND IF YOU PREFER TO FIGHT, RAISE A SPEAR
TAGADA TAGADA
TAGADA TAGADA
WHY GIVE US THIS OPTION NOW?
OUR DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ALREADY

WHAT? IT'S A GOOD THING TO BE PREPARED!
YOU IGNORANT ONES!
KOENTCHU WONT JUST LET YOU GO NO MATTER WHAT!
I'LL FIGHT!
I WONT!

I WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST BREATH!
OYA BAYA
SHUT UP!
I HAVE A WIFE AND CHILDREN, I DON'T WANT TO GO
DO YOU ACCEPT THAT THE CHILDREN WILL BE KILLED BEFORE YOUR EYES?
AND YOU, DO YOU WANT TO BE VIOLATED BY THESE ANIMALS?
FOOL, NOBODY WANTS YOUR UGLY WOMAN
WHAT? WHO SAID THAT?
STOP THIS!
IF YOU SURRENDER, THERE WILL BE NO DEATH
AH, YOU SEE
BUT A DEFEAT IS A DEFEAT!
THE MEN BECOME SLAVES AND THE WOMEN WHORES. DON'T FORGET THAT!

THINK BEFORE YOU DECIDE
IF YOU FIGHT, I AM READY TO GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU, BUT IF YOU THROW YOUR WEAPONS, THEN I WILL LEAVE THIS CITY WITHOUT A SINGLE WORD
HEY, BROTHER, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE ?
EVEN IF KAKURI WASN'T HERE, I WOULD CHOOSE COMBAT
A FEW MOMENTS AGO, YOU TREMBLED AT THE SIGHT OF KOENTCHU'S FLAG!
SHUT UP!
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ABOUT US SPYING ON THE ARMY OF TCHO LATER TONIGHT?
SONSHI SAYS "IF YOU KNOW THE EXACT POWER OF YOUR ENEMY, YOU CAN FIGHT EVEN WITHOUT AN ARMY"

GREAT! LET'S GO!

THE LEADERS OF ALL THE HAKUS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER
BUT THEY HAVEN'T REACHED A CONCLUSION!
YOU CAN'T DECIDE IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN FIVE MINUTES!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
MAKIN' A WHITE FLAG, IF THEY USE THEIR REASON IT WILL BE NEEDED

ARE YOU STUPID? MAKE A LARGER ONE, YOU WONT BE ABLE TO SEE THAT ONE FROM A DISTANCE

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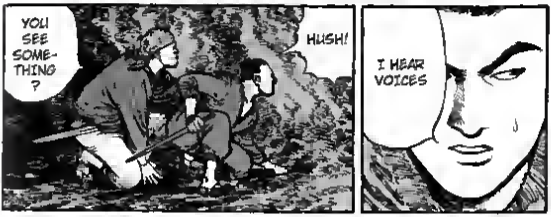
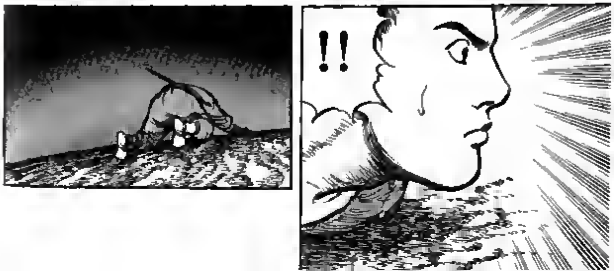

YOU SEE SOME-THING ?
HUSH!
I HEAR VOICES

IN YOUR DREAMS, THE EKISUI RIVER IS STILL FAR AWAY
OVER THERE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NO WAY! THERE'S FIFTEEN THOUSAND MEN HERE!
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY PASSED THE RIVER
WE'LL MIX DISCREETLY WITH THE SOLDIERS
MEAN WHILE IN THE CITY
PATCH
TCHIC
I'D RATHER DIE THAN BE SOLD LIKE A SLAVE!
WHAT COUNTS IS YOUR LIFE!
EVEN IF YOU LOSE EVERYTHING, WHAT YOU'LL KEEP IS YOUR LIFE. .
OOH! WE NOBLES HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE
GENERALLY, WE WOULD NOT EVEN DISCUSS THESE THINGS WITH THE PEASANTS

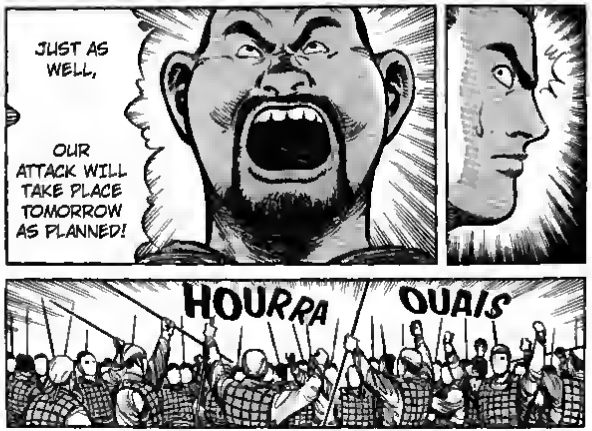
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? MISTER KAKUIRI DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THAT
ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS HIS . ERH...
DIGNITY?
EXACTLY! HIS DIGNITY AS A HUMAN BEING
HE SAYS THAT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN LIFE
A MAN IS NOT A HORSE OR A PIG!
I REFUSE SLAVERY !!!
THINK ABOUT IT, WE HAVE TIME TO SPARE
PATCH
TCHIC

BIG BROTHER, LOOK! THE MESSENGER FROM THIS MORNING
CHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA! YOU'RE A GENIUS, GENERAL KOENTCHU,
YOUR METHOD IS BRILLIANT
THIS TRICK HAS WORKED ON ALL THE CITIES WE'VE CAPTURED
RYO WILL GO TOO
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I TOUCHED A WOMAN!
HAHAHA
AND I, I WANT A PRINCESS!
BIG BROTHER, LET US RETURN TO THE CITY, THE WHITE FLAG IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!

I JUST HAVE TO SEE THIS KOENTCHU WITH MY OWN EYES
IN THE CITY
THEN IT IS DECIDED
YES, EH WELL, IF EVERYONE AGREES
WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO RAISE THE FLAG?
GUESS WE'LL SEE A WHITE ONE, HUH?
OOOF
OH! LOOK!

HEPS!
WHAT? THEY RAISED A SPEAR?
TAGADA
TAGADA
NO, NOT "A" SPEAR. THE WHOLE SOUTHERN WALL IS FILLED WITH THEM!

BASTARDS, WE'LL SHOW THEM!
GENERAL! LET'S ATTACK!
WAHO
LONG LIVE THE GEN-ERAL !
KOEN-TCHU !!!
WAOO
WAOO
WAHO
WAHO


JUST AS WELL,
OUR ATTACK WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW AS PLANNED!
HOURRA
OUAIS

IT'S HIM! KOEN-TCHU!
HE DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A MESSENGER
THEY PREPARED FOR WAR IN JUST ONE MONTH, THE MEN OF BOKK MUST BE EXTRAORDINARY
I CAN'T WAIT TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM
THE MAN OF BOKK, KAKURI— GENERAL KOENTCHU— BEFORE THEY'VE EVEN MET, THEY CAN BOTH FEEL THE COURAGE OF THEIR OPPONENT

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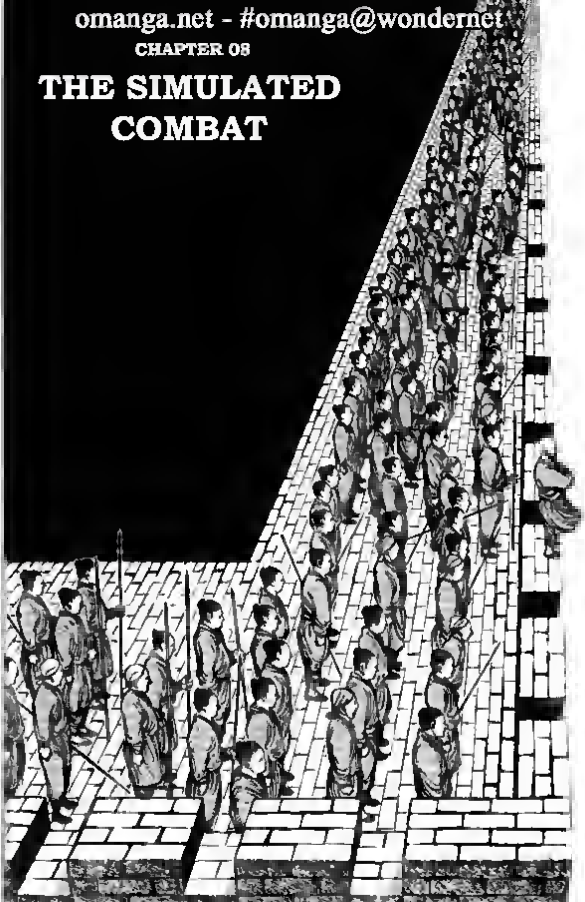
CHAPTER 08

THE SIMULATED COMBAT



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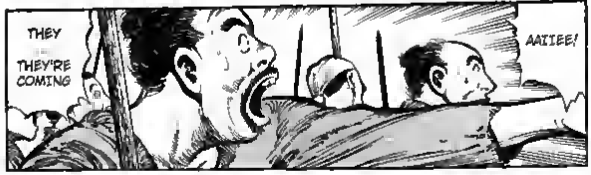
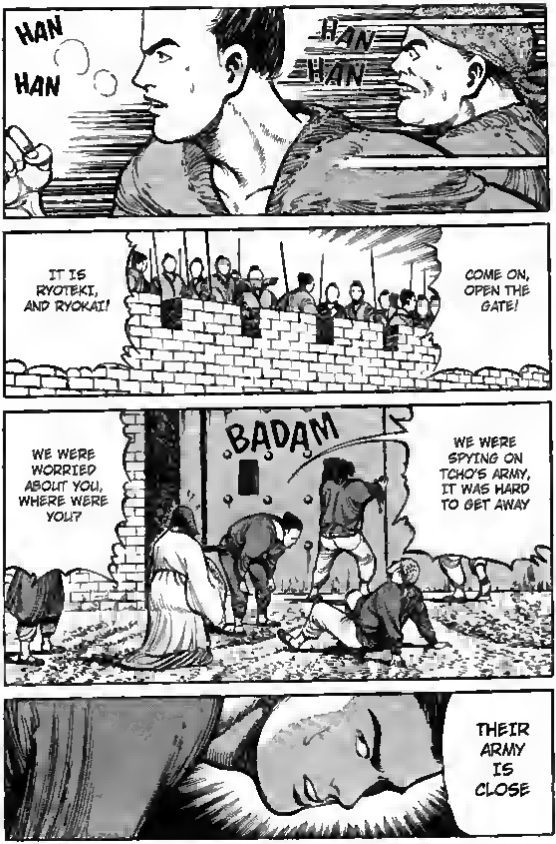
THE MORNING OF THE DECISIVE BATTLE

GLA
GLA

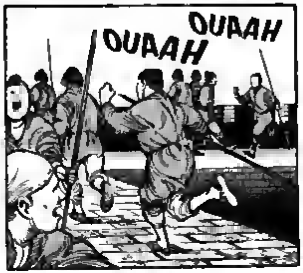
DZA
DZA
DZA


THEY
THEY'RE COMING
AAIIEE!

DON'T PANIC! IT MIGHT JUST BE A MESSENGER

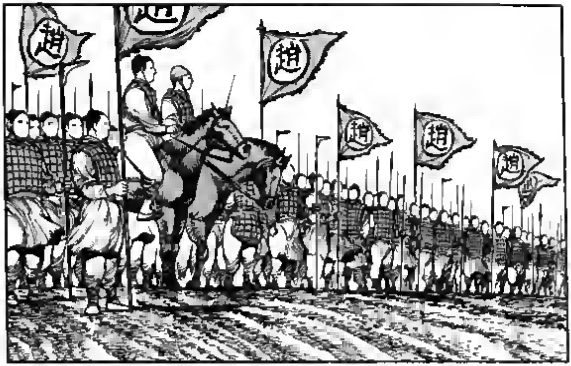

HAN
HAN
HAN
HAN
IT IS RYOTEKI, AND RYOKAI!
COME ON, OPEN THE GATE!
BADAM
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, WHERE WERE YOU?
WE WERE SPYING ON TCHO'S ARMY, IT WAS HARD TO GET AWAY
THEIR ARMY IS CLOSE

HARK !
ACCORDING TO KAKURI, WE ARE READY TO FACE THEM
AND MY HON-OURED FATHER ?
ERH, PRINCE ... ABOUT THAT
WHAT? IS HE STILL IN BED, TREMBLING IN THE ARMS OF A MISTRESS? HOW UNWORTHY!
HERE THEY COME
THE ARMY OF TCHO IS HERE !!!


OUAAH
OUAAH

ON THE SOUTHERN HILL,
TAP TAP TAP
THEY ARE AT LEAST FIFTEEN THOUSAND

OUIIN
HAAAN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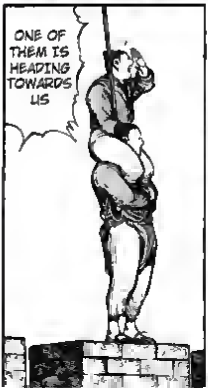
WHY DON'T THEY COME ANY CLOSER?
WE CAN'T REACH THEM WITH OUR ARROWS


ONE OF THEM IS HEADING TOWARDS US

DZA DZA

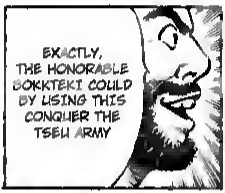
HE'S CARRYING SOMETHING, BUT IT IS NOT A WEAPON
DZA DZA
DZA
I AM KOENTCHU,
AND I'M DISGUSTED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE MEN OF BOKK IN THIS CITY!
I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU THAT NEEDS A REPRESENT-ATIVE TO LEAVE THE CITY!

KOENTCHU? HIM? BUT THAT'S THE MESSENGER FROM THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY
HOWEVER IT'S STILL HIM, THE GREAT GENERAL KOENTCHU
I'LL GO
HUH?
IT IS PROBABLY A TRAP
MISTER KAKURI, IF YOU GET HURT NOW
KOENTCHU IS A BRAVE MAN, HE WILL NOT TRY ANYTHING
IF TCHO'S ARMY STARTS MOVING, WE'LL COME HELP YOU!

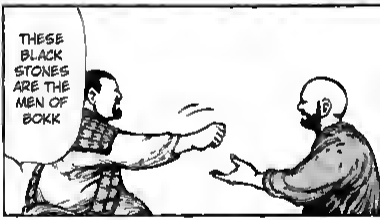
BE CAREFUL
HMPF
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
KAKURI, MAN OF BOKK!
HEAD GENERAL KOENTCHU!

HEH!
TSUN
I'M OFFERING YOU A GAME, A GAME THAT WILL SIMULATE THE WAR
ONE OF MY SOLDIERS, WHO'S A FINE CRAFTSMAN, MADE IT
HERE, IT IS THE CITY OF RYO, YOU MUST DEFEND IT
THE STONES ARE YOUR SOLDIERS
IT IS A SIMULATED COMBAT, BUT AN IMPORTANT ONE.
IF YOU WIN, I WITHDRAW MYSELF, BUT IF I WIN, YOU GIVE UP THE CITY WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS

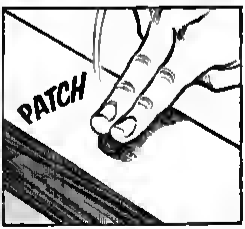
I WAS TOLD THAT BOKKTEKI, FOUNDER OF THE BOKK CLAN, PREVIOUSLY HAD AVOIDED A USELESS CARNAGE BY A SIMILAR GAME
AMU-SING, HUH?


EXACTLY. THE HONORABLE BOKKTEKI COULD BY USING THIS CONQUER THE TSEU ARMY

I WILL START!


THESE BLACK STONES ARE THE MEN OF BOKK

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM
GLA GLA GLA


PATCH

PHEW, HOW PLEASANT
DENJOSHI, THE HEAD OF THE BOKK CLAN, TRUSTS ME ENTIRELY. HE GAVE ME UNLIMITED POWER
AND YOU ACCEPTED THAT, YOU'RE ALL ALONE!
PATCH
JUST AS WELL, LET'S START, I'LL GO FIRST,
I ARRIVE ONE MORNING, IN THE EAST, DURING NIGHT

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
MIOM
BY MAKING THIS MOVE, YOU SACRIFICE YOUR OWN MEN
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
I'VE ALREADY TAKEN OUT THIRTY OF YOUR MEN
趙
趙

I DON'T LIKE THIS. IF WE WIN THIS WAY, IT IS NOT A VICTORY
NO, MY WAY WOULD BE BETTER
THE GENERAL IS TIRED OF SHEADING BLOOD WHEN IT ISN'T NECESSARY
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME ... THE SUN HAS ALREADY SET

I LOST, EVEN THOUGH I TESTED ALL MY STRATEGIES. I'VE UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU
THERE-FORE, YOU WILL WITHDRAW YOUR TROOPS
ZZZK
IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION

THE WAR HAS IT'S RISKS
WE WILL FIGHT
SORRY, OLD MAN
PAN
PAN
DZA
DZA
KAKURI, YOU CLAIM TO HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF DENJOSHI, BUT I KNOW THAT YOU'RE LYING
BOKKTEKI SAID THAT THE MASSACRES OF WAR ARE THE GREATEST OF CRIMES
THIS IS WHY THE MEN OF BOKK SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND OTHERS

BUT BELIEVERS GROW THINNER FROM WARS
I'VE HEARD THAT THE BOKK CLAN HAS STARTED TO STUMBLE
ITS IDEALS IS BEGINNING TO ROT.
I DO NOT KNOW THAT FOR SURE, BUT THE FACT THAT THEY ONLY SENT ONE MAN TELLS ME YOU'RE IN SERIOUS CRISIS

Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z

DZA
DZA

MISTER KAKURI
MISTER KAKURI
OH KAKURI, IT'S ONLY IN YOUR MIND THAT WAR WILL EVER CEASE TO EXIST

IN THE CAMP OF TCHO'S ARMY
CHAPTER 09
THE FIRST ATTACK
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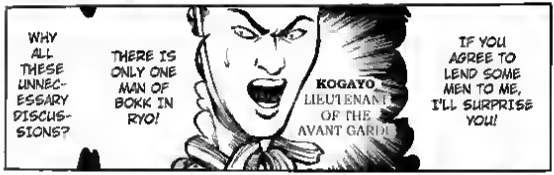

WHY ALL THESE UNNECESSARY DISCUSSIONS?
THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN OF BOKK IN RYO!
KOGAYO LIEUTENANT OF THE AVANT GARDE
IF YOU AGREE TO LEND SOME MEN TO ME, I'LL SURPRISE YOU!

CALM DOWN, LIEUTENANT KOGAYO
CAPTAIN BISHO HEAD OF THE AVANT GARDE

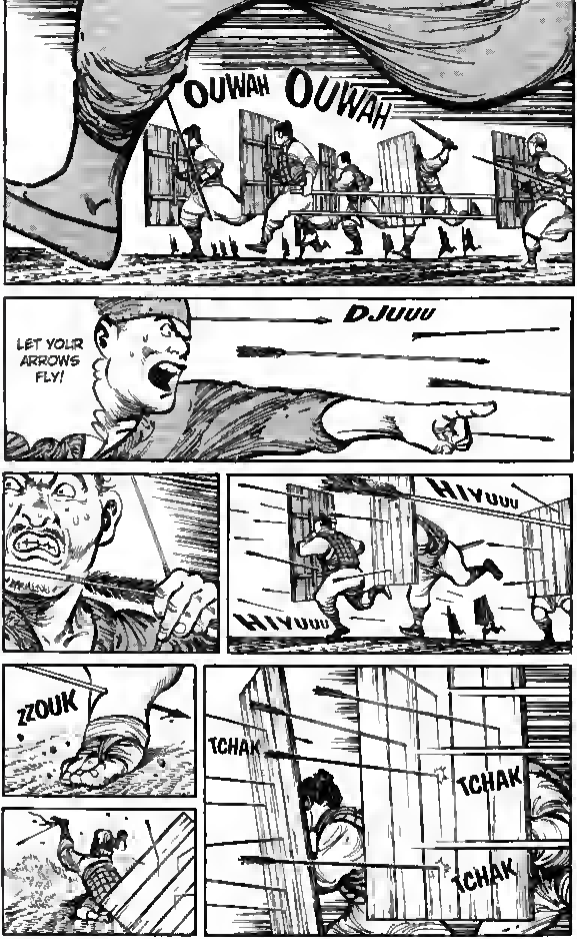
I WILL NOT WAIT ANY LONGER

SHOULD I SCOLD HIM?
NO, LET HIM GO

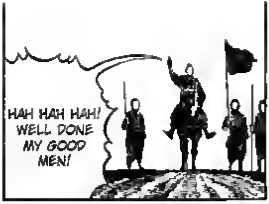
HE IS STILL YOUNG!
KOENTCHU GENERAL OF TCHO'S ARMY

ONE MONTH, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME,
THE MEN WON'T HAVE PATIENCE MUCH LONGER,
YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION
THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN OF BOKK, BUT THIS KAKURI IS NOT AN ORDINARY MAN
THE CITY IS SMALL BUT IT WILL BE WELL PROTECTED
DAMN IT! WE'LL LET KOGAYO HAVE A TRY

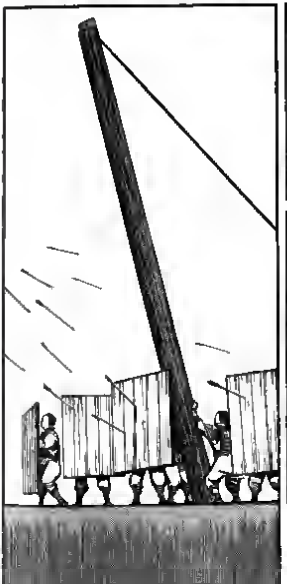
HERE THEY COME!
HERE THEY ARE, ON THE HILLS,
THEY'RE ATTACKING!
HAH HAH HAH! HERE THEY COME! HERE THEY COME!
TOC TOC TOC
LOOK! LOOK! HERE IS A FART ON BEHALF OF LORD RYOKAI
POWER!
PAN!
THERE'S A THOUSAND OF THEM, THIS WILL BE A GOOD START!


OUWAH OUWAH
LET YOUR ARROWS FLY!
DJUUU
HIYUUU
HIYUUU
ZZOUK
TCHAK
TCHAK
TCHAK

THEIR SHIELDS ARE IN THE WAY
STOP! DO NOT WASTE YOUR ARROWS


HAH HAH HAH! WELL DONE MY GOOD MEN!

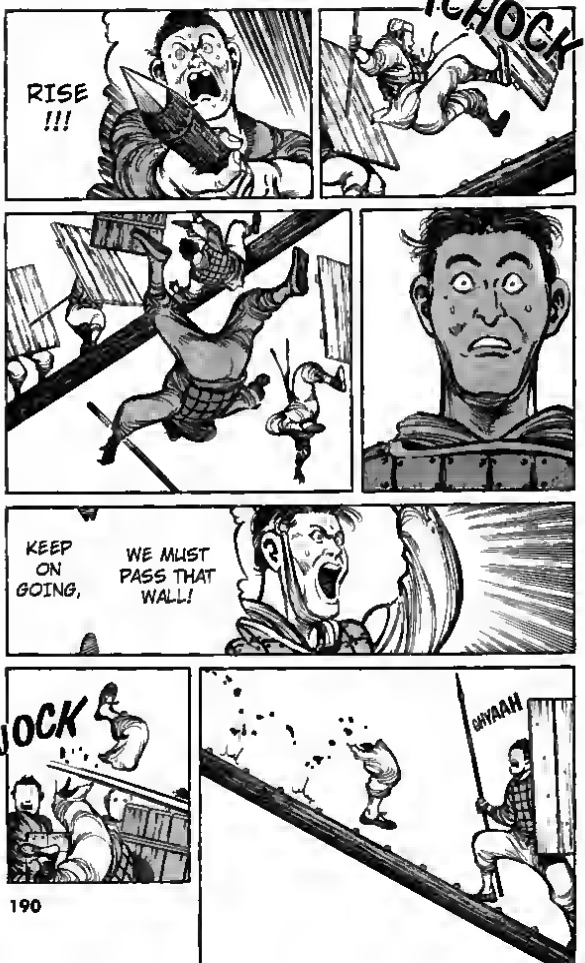
NOW INCREASE THE INTENSITY!



WHAT THE ?
DON

WOUAAH
WOUAAH
DZA
DZA
JUST KEEP RUNNING!
AAAAH!
DZA
DZA
DZA
HAH HAH! AFTER FIRING THEIR ARROWS, THEY FLEE LIKE RABBITS
A SMALL FORTRESS, THIS WILL BE EASY!
KOENTCHU, YOU WERE TERRIFIED BY A SINGLE MAN, JUST AS WELL, NOW I WILL CONQUER THE CITY!

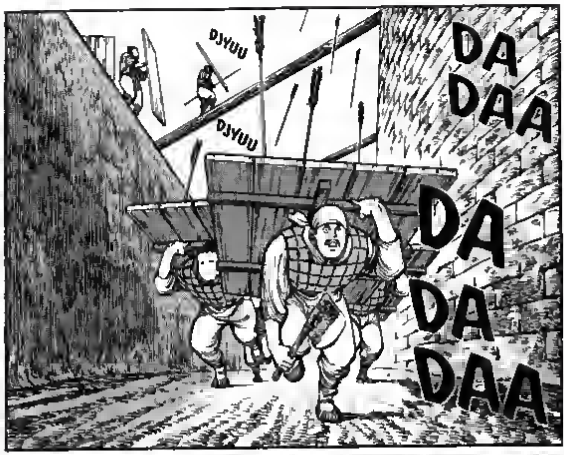
THIS IS A GOOD START, THEN I WILL CONQUER THE WHOLE COUNTRY!
DA DA DA DA
COME ON, NOW!
OOUU UURH !!!
HOO RAY !!!
DO NOT THINK OF TCHO'S SOLDIERS AS MEN, BUT CATTLE!
TCHICK


RISE !!!
TCHOCK
KEEP ON GOING,
WE MUST PASS THAT WALL!
DJOCK
GHYAAH

OOO
OOH
!!!
DOCK
GRRR!
BEURK
RYOTEKI, YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO VOMIT!

WOUOU
HUICH
HYUUP
AND HOP!
DA DA
DA DA
ZZAP
NOOOOO !!

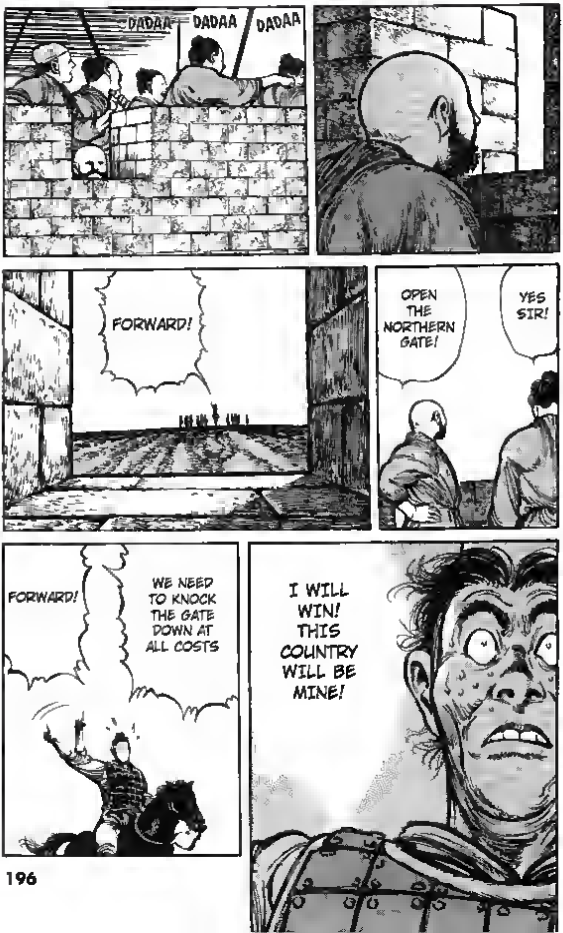
TCHOUFFF
IT HURTS
OUAH
WOUH
VAH
NOO OOO OOO !!!
DKA
DKA
DKA
THE GATE
FORCE THE GATE OPEN!


DJYUU
DJYUU
DA
DAA
DA
DA
DAA

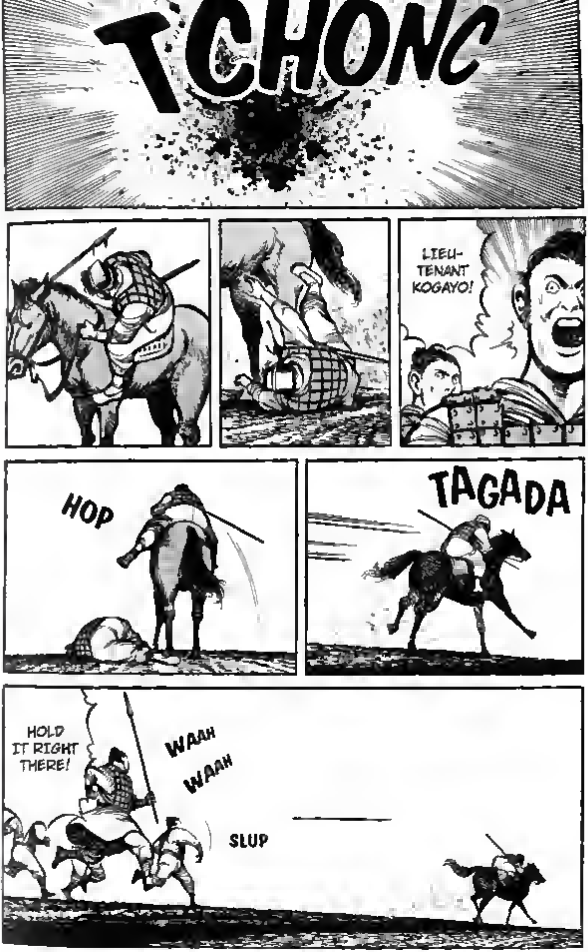
THEY ARE HEADING TOWARDS THE GATE!

WE'LL CRUSH THEM LIKE INSECTS !!!

CHKRAK
WHAA AAAA ARGH !!!
AAAA!
GRACK
HOU OOU RG!
SHIYUUCK
KSHACK

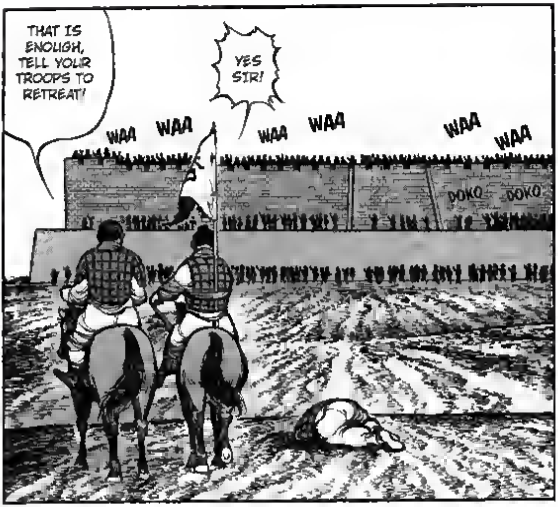

DADAA
DADAA
DADAA
FORWARD!
OPEN THE NORTHERN GATE!
YES SIR!
FORWARD!
WE NEED TO KNOCK THE GATE DOWN AT ALL COSTS
I WILL WIN! THIS COUNTRY WILL BE MINE!

OUAIS OUAIS OUAIS
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AH AH
TCHOC
LORD, IT IS OVER, WE'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT RETREAT, SIR!
SHUT UP, FOOL! RETREAT? THE SHAME WOULD BE UNBEARABLE!
HUH?


TCHONC
LIEU-TENANT KOGAYO!
HOP
TAGADA
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
WAAH
WAAH
SLUP

TAGADA
WAA
WAA
WAA
WHAT ?
LIEUTENANT KOGAYO HAS BEEN KILLED, RETREAT!
WHAT?
STOP HIM! HE KILLED KOGAYO!
TAGADA
TAGADA
WAA WAA
WAA

LOOK! OVER THERE, HE KILLED THEIR BOSS!
OPEN UP THE NORTHERN GATE FOR MISTER KAKURI!
TAGADA
TAGADA
TAGADA
巷
TAGADA
TAGADA
TADA
BRRR


THAT IS ENOUGH, TELL YOUR TROOPS TO RETREAT!
YES SIR!
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
DOKO
DOKO

I ALREADY KNEW THIS WOULDN'T WORK!

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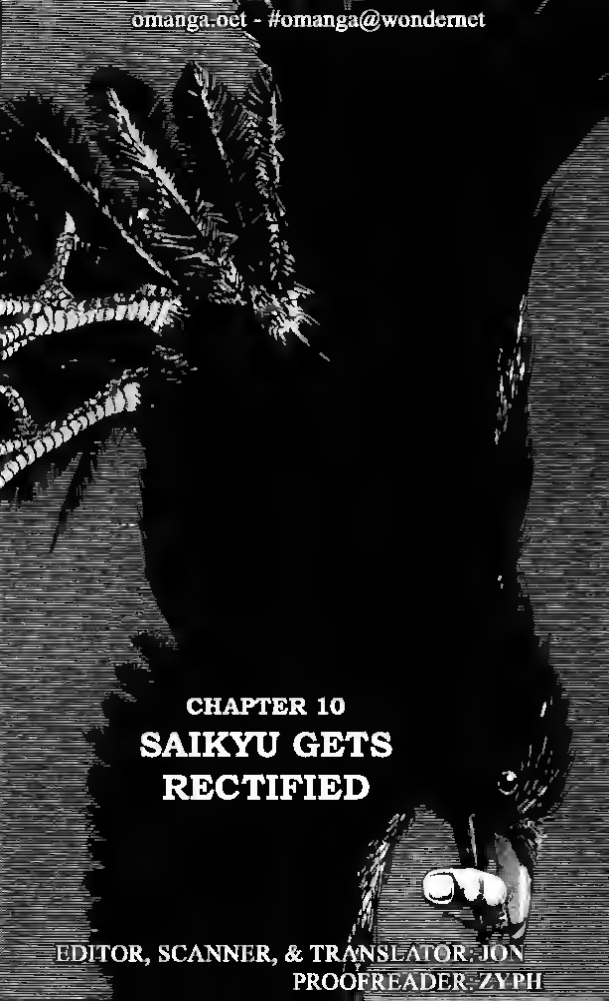

CHAPTER 10
SAIKYU GETS RECTIFIED

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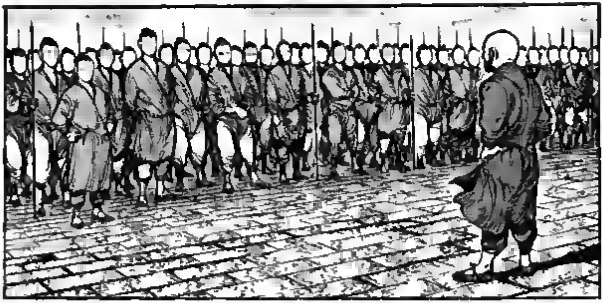
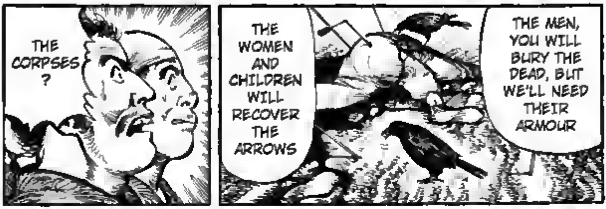


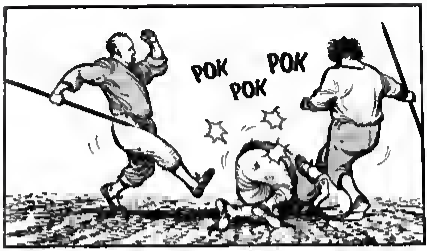
WE OVERCAME KOGAYO
BUT SOON, IT IS KOENTCHU IN PERSON WE'LL FACE, WITH THE BEST MEN FROM HIS TROOPS.
THEN THE REAL BATTLE WILL BEGIN!

WHILE WE'RE WAITING, WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE DEAD BODIES


THE CORPSES ?
THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL RECOVER THE ARROWS
THE MEN, YOU WILL BURY THE DEAD, BUT WE'LL NEED THEIR ARMOUR

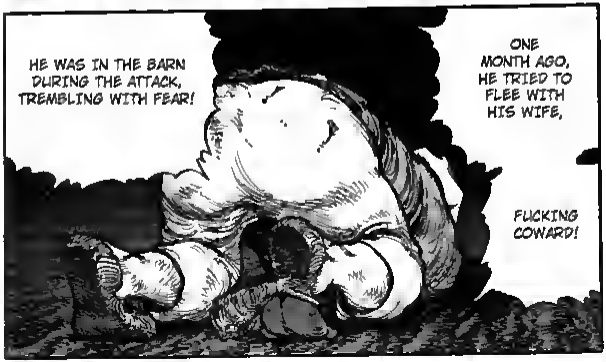
IF WE LEAVE THEM, THEY WILL SOON START ROTTING.
THE ODOR WILL BE TERRIBLE AND WE MIGHT CATCH DISEASES
ONCE THEY'RE BURIED, THEY WILL ROT SLOWLY AND THE ODOR WON'T BE AS BAD!
LET'S GET STARTED!
LOOK AT SAIKYU! HE IS STILL ALL SHAKY
HAN HAN
EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING, AS USUAL
GLA
GLA

LET US GATHER THE BODIES
CHON
THAT IS DEEP ENOUGH, JUST MAKE SURE THEY'RE COVERED WITH SOIL
ALL THE DEAD BODIES BELONG TO THE ENEMY,
THAT SHOULD UPSET THOSE TINY LITTLE BASTARDS
GET LOST KIDS! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SEE THIS!
TA TA TAC


POK
POK
POK
POK
POK

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU INSANE?!?
HAA HAA
TA TAC

THIS NO GOOD WEAKLING,
HE CAN ORDER US AROUND, BUT HE CAN'T FIGHT!


HE WAS IN THE BARN DURING THE ATTACK, TREMBLING WITH FEAR!
ONE MONTH AGO, HE TRIED TO FLEE WITH HIS WIFE,
FUCKING COWARD!

IF HE CAN'T EVEN KILL A SINGLE SOLDIER, THEN HE'S NOT FIT TO BE OUR LEADER!
!CHUCK
SAIKYU, DON'T LISTEN TO THEM!
THEY'RE TOO HOT-HEADED TO BE HAKUS THEMSELVES
IT IS YOU WHO CAN CONTROL THEM
HEY, YOU!
THERE ARE STILL BODIES TO BURY ON THE OTHER SIDE!

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU KILLED ONE OF THEM?
HOW DID IT FEEL TO PIERCE HIM WITH YOUR SPEAR?
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT?
IT FELT DISGUSTING, SOFT, IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN ...
HE STRUGGLES AND SQUIRTS WITH BLOOD, YOU CAN'T PULL OUT YOUR SPEAR
FINALLY, HIS HEART CEASES TO BEAT
YOU SUDDENLY FEEL ALL HIS WEIGHT AT THE END OF YOUR SPEAR
KOARK

HUK
ZUHK
!!
HUH?
DON'T SPEAK, DON'T SCREAM !!!
GLA GLA GLA
LET ME TAKE THIS BODY!
PAH
I WILL NOT HARM ANYONE!

HE IS MY BROTHER
EH SAIKYU! IS THERE A PROBLEM?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL
I'M JUST RESTING

THANKS
ROOA AAAR !!!
LEAVE OUR CAMP!
CHLAP
KON
KOC
HIC HIC
Z Z Z Z Z V V

PEUH! WE'VE KILLED AND BURIED FORTY OF TCHO'S SOLDIERS, BUT IT IS STILL JUST A SMALL PIECE OF THEIR ARMY!
WHAT? BUT NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE DEAD IS OURS
THEY ARE RETURNING! IT IS THE ARMY OF TCHO
WAA WAA
QUICKLY, EVERYONE ASSUME YOUR POSITIONS !
DA DA DA DA
DA DA DA DA
WE'LL ATTACK THE WESTERN AND THE EASTERN WALL
ATTACK!

DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DAN
AH! THEY'RE MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE, WHAT A JOKE!
CHAP
AOU
OUUU
TAKAC

TAKAC
TAKAC
WOUAA AAAAH! WOLVES!
GRUP
GYAA
AAAA
GYAA
GIV
GIV
GIV
DAT
NOW! ATTACK!

WOUAR
WOUAR
CHYAARRGL
HISS
BASTARDS! NO ONE WILL PASS!!!
HUAA AARH !!!
DO DO DO

GHYUTH
OUWAH
IT FELT DISGUSTING
...
SOFT
...
IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN
...

HE STRUGGLES AND SQUIRTS WITH BLOOD
YOU CANNOT PULL OUT YOUR SPEAR
THEN, HIS HEART CEASES TO BEAT ...
BLOP
YOU SUDDENLY FEEL ALL HIS WEIGHT AT THE END OF YOUR SPEAR
OUH OUH
CRRACK
SPLASH
AAAA AAAA RHH !!!

SMOKE? IS THAT WHAT THIS SMELL IS?
THE WIND IS BLOWING FROM THE EAST, THEY ARE GOING TO SET OUR CITY ON FIRE!!
SHYUUH
WHAT?
OUR HOUSES!
SAVE OUR CATTLE!
WE MUST EXTINGUISH THE FIRE!

STOP AT ONCE! DEFEND THE WALL!
IDIOT! YOUR HOUSE IS ALSO BURNING!
SO WHAT? THE WALL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY HOUSE
SAIKYU! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

DAT
RYOTEKI, GATHER THE HAKUS, WE NEED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE!
RYOKAI, TAKE COMMAND OF THE EASTERN WALL!
I DON'T NEED TO TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU! I CAN FIGURE THAT OUT BY MYSELF!
GREAT! FOR THE WESTERN WALL SAIKYU WILL BE IN COMMAND!
AS YOU WISH!
I'M ON MY WAY!

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